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## STALEMATE.

CHIANG AND JAPANESE.

HIS ANSWER?

Southern Allies Hesitating Before Peking.

QUESTION OF THE DEMANDS.

[By "Li Chung-yin"]

Conditions akin to those of stalemate have set in along the North China front and are likely to prevail for some time owing to the hitch in Sino-Japanese relations. Feng Yu-hsiang, the "Christian General," has been carrying on with the drive against the Northerners, but he is unlikely to invite danger to his army and to his prestige by running foul of the foreign garrisons at Tientsin and Peking.

Events hinge on the policy to be taken by the Nationalists of Nanking towards the Nipponese demands. Until an agreement is reached, Chiang Kai-shek will find it difficult to advance. And until he does move forward, the "Christian General" will mark time by himself, much as he covets Peking for himself.

ALL MARKING TIME.

That halt of the Southern allies all this last week may have wider significance than appears on the surface. Japanese intervention and the note of warning sounded by other Foreign Powers about Tientsin and Peking may be the primary causes. But when it is remembered that the Nationalist army persisted in advancing both last year and this year in spite of the presence of the Japanese Expeditionary Force in Shantung, it seems that the basic influence must be sought elsewhere.

First of all, the Southerners may prefer to play a waiting game, hoping that Marshal Chang Tso-lin will still clear out of Peking without risking what has been described as a forlorn hope.

Myths Exploded.

On the other hand, Nationalist discord—the subject of yesterday's leading article in the "China Mail"—may be keeping the armies back.

One thing we do know. The report that the Nationalists had reached the environs of Tientsin is unfounded. The victories credited by Japanese sources to the Nationalists have been discredited. The Kuomintang cavalry was said to have passed Muehng, 30 miles south of Tientsin, whereas subsequent information showed the front in that area to be at Tsangchow, 60 miles from Tientsin. The raiders from Shansi province were supposed to have penetrated to within 10 miles of Peking.

Chary of Neutral Zones.

While Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek is dallying and the Nationalist Government at Nanking is maintaining reticence, General Feng Yu-hsiang (the "Christian General") and General Yen Hsi-shan are undecided as to whether they should bear the brunt of the battle themselves.

Against the Northerners they may have no qualms; but it does look as if they are chary of coming up against the neutral zones which have been marked out by the Protocol Powers.

For the moment, General Yen Hsi-shan of Shansi can be left out of consideration. He has had his province ever since the Revolution. His ambition goes no further. Two or three years ago, he sided against the "Christian General." Now they are friends. In his position of buffer between Peking and other Northern factions, Yen Hsi-shan has always been out to secure his own position rather than attempt extension.

A Clever Opportunist.

Not so the wily "Christian General." He is an opportunist and a clever one at that. First of all he embraced Christianity because it was useful to his cause. Then he sought Soviet assistance because it helped his purpose to do so. While he entered into an alliance with Russia, the Nationalists—then hemmed in at Canton—were doing likewise. The "Christian General" and the Nationalists met on common ground. When the former held Peking, he was not a Nationalist. After being expelled by the Manchurians, he joined the Party. But he did not begin to fight for the Nationalist Party until the

latter had begun to make considerable headway. Coming in on the flood tide, he has made some progress—but not by conquest. All that part of Honan province south of the Yellow River was obtained by a political ruse from the Wu-Han Nationalists (of that time). With this territory as a jumping-off ground, he launched out. With strategic bridgeheads across the Yellow River, he fought slowly until his colleagues in the Nationalist Army were in alignment.

Once hit—twice shy. As long as Chiang Kai-shek remains in the field, the "Christian General" will continue to do his part. Should there be international complications, why, Nanking has to solve them and not the "Christian General's" capital at Kaileng. Is it worth his while to collide with the foreign garrisons at Tientsin, doing so by himself?

The "Christian General" has had a foretaste of Japan's intervention. He was in league with Kuo Sung-ling two years ago when Kuo rebelled against Marshal Chang Tso-lin and would have taken Mukden had it not been for the sudden decision of Japan to keep him out of the South Manchurian Railway zone.

"Once bit, twice shy," the old saying goes. And that is why the "Christian General" has been marking time, waiting for Chiang Kai-shek's Nationalist army to go through or get round Tsinan to reach the firing line.

Action Hinges on the Note. If, as it has been made out, he is so anxious to re-enter Peking, it can be argued, he may run the risk and march on by himself without waiting for Chiang Kai-shek.

The answer to this is that it suits his book to weigh in the consequences first. And, in any case, possession of Peking with the Northern armies intact in close proximity in Manchuria is not tempting without the additional possibility of entanglement with the Powers or with Japan by herself.

Events now hinge on the Japanese Note to Chiang Kai-shek. Reuter has told us that the Nationalists had not accepted. Later on, there was that report about "negotiation." On the other hand, there have been rumours, mostly via Canton, that Chiang Kai-shek did accept.

Stalemate to Continue. In view of the allegations made by the Nationalists against the Japanese—that the Japanese were the aggressors, that Mr. Tsai Kung-shih, the commissioner of Foreign Affairs, had been murdered and mutilated—it is only reasonable to expect the Nationalists to make a counter-claim, no matter the extent of their faith in the accusations.

The motive attributed to Chiang Kai-shek in his alleged "acceptance" of the Japanese terms is his anxiety to push on at all cost. When he does, it will be for the "Christian General"—represented by his Mongolian cavalry in the Kuomintang—

## "FEMINA."

Hong Kong Public Hoaxed.

A PLOT?

No Such Person Staying at the Peak Hotel.

The presumption that public interest in Hong Kong had at last been aroused over something led to a representative of the "China Mail" this morning calling upon "Femina" with the intention of paying his respects and gleaming further refreshing "copy" from the lady, on things in general. It was of course surmised that any person who could have prompted all those "letters" which appeared in our evening contemporary yesterday and the two morning papers to-day would, once she let herself go, have much of interest to say.

Giving "Femina" time to partake of her breakfast, our representative, around nine o'clock this morning, duly presented himself at the Peak Hotel, the address given in her letter, and asked for the lady by the name typewritten on her letter.

But there was "no such person." Now that the hoax is revealed we may state that the name given on the copy of the letter received in this office was "Mrs. R. Reynolds." Had there been such a person as "Femina" the name, of course, would have never been divulged. A careful examination of the register at the Peak Hotel discloses the fact that nobody of that name has stayed there for some considerable time.

Investigations.

The hoax is interesting in that it points to a well-organised plot, a side of the matter this journal, in conjunction with the "Sunday Herald," is now investigating. What can be definitely stated now is that "Femina's" letter was obviously received in the office of our evening contemporary in time for publication on Thursday but was not received in the office of the "China Mail" until yesterday morning, after having been forwarded to the other three daily papers. This may have been due to postal delays—but we doubt it.

Having said so much it is hardly necessary to add that none of those touching "replies" which appear in contemporaries have been forwarded to this office.

## "LAB." M.P.'S & INDIA.

CHARACTERISTIC REPORT OF LABOUR CONDITIONS.

INTERESTING PREDICTION.

London, Yesterday.

The urgency of taking a "mighty step" to link up the British and Indian Trade Union movements is stressed in a report by the Labour M.P.s, Messrs. Purcell and Hallsworth, who recently returned from a tour in India on behalf of the Trade Union Congress.

They paint a melancholy picture of the "disgracefully bad housing conditions" and state that the vast majority of the workers do not receive more than a shilling per day, are "half-starved, badly clothed and horribly housed."

The estimates give a total strength of the Trade Unions as 200,000 compared with 25,000,000 capable of organisation. The report describes the tea plantations of Assam as "virtually a slave plantation" where the "human trinity" of husband, wife and child brings in no more than fifteen pence a day.

The opinion is expressed that the sub-continent is in the presence of tremendous forces which sooner or later will be applied to a great expansion of manufacturing activity, when the working class of Britain, Europe and America will feel a severe shock and a very great change.—Reuter.

## SEAMAN'S BANNER.

A seaman found carrying a banner yesterday afternoon, inscribed with seditious matter against the Japanese Government, and two other Chinese caught in the act of delivering propaganda lectures, one in Hollywood road and the other on the Yau-mat Ferry Wharf in Hong Kong, were brought before Lieut.-Col. E. Hayes, D.S.O., at the Central Police Court this morning.

Worship ordered the cases to be remanded for further hearing on Monday next.

## NOT TO PAY TAXES.

Japanese Notification at Tsingtao.

15,000 TROOPS IN SHANTUNG.

Peking Government Explains its Protest.

According to a Chinese report, the Japanese Consul at Tsingtao has notified the local Chinese authorities that as from May 23, the Japanese will not pay the following levies:—

The so-called "Washington" Customs surtaxes, 2½ per cent. on imports and 5 per cent. on luxuries, Goods tax on the Shantung Railway, River work tax, Express surcharge, Tobacco and wine tax, Cigarette tax.

Other Questions as Well. Another message says that a military (field) postal organisation has been started by the Japanese Expeditionary Force at Tsingtao.

From Peking, it is reported that it is the intention of Baron Tanaka, the Premier of Japan, to settle simultaneously with the latest incidents, certain minor outstanding problems between China and Japan, in relation to

## "RAIN AT FIRST."

Moderate to light winds, overcast with rain at first, improving later, is the forecast until noon to-morrow.

## JAPAN'S STRENGTH.

Now Has 15,000 Troops in Shantung.

Shanghai, Yesterday. Practically the whole of the Japanese 3rd (Nagoya) division has arrived at Tsingtao and this division will be stationed along the Shantung Railway, which runs from Tsingtao (on the coast) to Tsinan (on the Yellow River). The 6th Japanese division will remain on duty in Tsinan.

There are now 15,000 Japanese troops in Shantung province.—British Naval Wireless.

Chinese Told to Go.

Tsingtao, Yesterday. General Yasumitsu, chief of the Japanese 3rd (Nagoya) division, has requested the Northern Chinese troops stationed at Tsingtao to withdraw seven miles from Tsingtao. No time limit has been fixed for the evacuation.—Reuter.

## 9 POWER TREATY.

Peking's Argument Against Japan.

Peking, Yesterday. A spokesman of the Peking Government has made a statement to the Press with a fuller explanation of the Peking Government's Note (referred to below). He said: "The action contemplated by the Japanese Government is obviously at variance with the two fold principles enunciated by the Nine Powers Treaty signed at Washington on Feb. 6, 1922, namely, that the Powers should respect Chinese independence, sovereignty, as well as territorial and administrative integrity, and should refrain from taking advantage of the conditions in China in order to seek special rights and privileges and, as such, it can only be deplored by the Chinese people."

"We Will Be Responsible." "The Chinese Government hereby emphatically declares that inasmuch as Manchuria, and Peking and Tientsin are Chinese territory and any violation of the integrity of such would involve China's sovereignty, it cannot maintain an attitude of indifference. "Whether the localities in question are peaceful or otherwise, the ports that as a result of Admiral Yang Shu-chang's plea for clemency for General Chen Shao-chien, Vice-Admiral Chen Shao-chien has gone to Hankow with the request from Nanking to General Li Tsung-jen to permit Chen to go to Nanking to lay his hands on the case before the central authority in violation of international law usages; so that traditional friendly relations between the two

## STRUCK OIL!

Two More Wells in Iraq.

BOTH UNDER CONTROL.

Further 200,000 to 300,000 Gallons Per Day.

Teheran, Yesterday. Another big addition in oil output is reported from Iraq in a sector of the Natkhanh Fields where two further wells, producing respectively 200,000 and 300,000 gallons per day have been brought in by the Khanoqin Oil Company, Limited, which is a subsidiary company of the Anglo-Persian Oil Company.

Both wells are under control.—Reuter.

## NOVELIST DEAD.

A POPULAR AUSTRALIAN WRITER.

REV. W. H. FITCHETT.

Melbourne, Yesterday. The death is announced of the Rev. William Henry Fitchett, the novelist.—Reuter.

[Rev. W. H. Fitchett was born in Lincolnshire, England, and educated in Melbourne. He became a Wesleyan minister (ex-President of the Wesleyan Conference of Victoria and Tasmania). He was principal of the Methodist Ladies' College, Hawthorn, Melbourne, editor of "Life" (a monthly magazine) and of a weekly paper named "The Southern Cross." At one time he edited the "Melbourne Daily Telegraph." He wrote miscellaneous, as will be seen from the following among his works: "Deeds That Won the Empire," "Fights for the Flag," "The Tale of the Great Multry," "How England Saved Europe (1899)," "Willington's Men," "Nelson and His Captains," "Life of Wesley," "The Pawn in the Game," "The Beliefs of Unbelief," "The New World of the South," "The Romance of Australian History."]

countries may be preserved.—Reuter.

## Motive of Friendship.

An earlier cable on the subject read:—The Peking Foreign Office has issued a reply to the Japanese memorandum of May 13 which, after quoting the memorandum says:—

"Japan's desire to see an early termination of civil strife in this country is, in the opinion of the Chinese Government, exactly in harmony with Marshal Chang Tso-lin's circular telegram of May 9, advocating the cessation of hostilities, and inasmuch as such a desire is caused by the motive of friendly sentiments, it is deeply appreciated by the Chinese Government."

"On the other hand the Chinese Government can never agree to the proposition that should disturbances develop further in the direction of Peking and Tientsin so as to affect Manchuria, the Japanese Government may be constrained to adopt appropriate and effective measures to cope with the situation."

## CHENG CHIEN.

His Arrest Causes Son-in-Law to Flee.

Hankow, Yesterday. General Cheng Chien is now stated to be a prisoner in Wu-chang.—British Naval Wireless. Kiangyang, Yesterday. The Commissioner of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Liu Tsu-lin, absconded to Shanghai on reading of the arrest at Hankow of his father-in-law, General Cheng Chien.—British Naval Wireless.

Not Executed Yet. Shanghai, Yesterday. General Tan Yen-kai has cabled to General Li Tsung-jen asking whether General Cheng Chien has been executed. General Li replied in the negative.—"Wah Keung"

Admiral Intervenes. Shanghai, Yesterday. The Kuo Min news agency reports that as a result of Admiral Yang Shu-chang's plea for clemency for General Chen Shao-chien, Vice-Admiral Chen Shao-chien has gone to Hankow with the request from Nanking to General Li Tsung-jen to permit Chen to go to Nanking to lay his hands on the case before the central authority in violation of international law usages; so that traditional friendly relations between the two

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## IS THAT SO?

Thoughts Terse, Perverse—and Worse.

BY THE MAIL MEN.

The threatened pollution of the Harbour has not, we observe, yet eventuated.

Still more people went on Home leave yesterday.... In mi-grater numbers than usual?

Major Fitzmaurice is so charmed with the "benefits of this wonderful country" that he has decided to become an American, says Reuter..... Must be a greater prohibitionist than airman.

We can at least be thankful that the pleasures denied us do not include selections by the banned in the various regiments.

Waxing eloquent on a description of a young lady's spirited defence against armed robbers in the western suburb, Tuesday's "Canton Gazette" said:—Salkwan has always been known as the quarters of the % rich and the elite. .... If we are going to be rich, we'd prefer the \$, £, or even the cts.

"The young damsel cleared for action and engaged the attackers.....," the writer says..... What, in the street?

"The surmise is that the two evil minded ones cherished strong desires of possession—of the gold bracelets, not the wearer," the "Gazette" adds..... Showed bad taste, we think.

The article also said that the young lady "mobilised her vocal chords into attack formation".... and the robbers fled..... We seem to have heard similar "vocal chords" before.

The "Canton Gazette" concluded by saying:—The female won, against odds of two to one..... There are several females who have made up their mind to win at any odds either to-day or on Monday, and they are prepared to go to even greater risk.

We notice that among the latest American papers to hand gland treatment is still advertised extensively..... The gland of hope and glory?

Is an optimist a bald man who seeks diversion in a hair-raising film?

Mr. J. S. Arter, speaking from his considerable knowledge of planters and estates in Malaya and Ceylon, said he was certain that..... their successful course lay in a good, exhilarating professional battle..... Sounds more like a boxing promoter than a rubber expert.

Nothing seems to be wrong with the Peak Tram mechanism but what a lot of cranks have gone off—the deep end?

Major Willson said that Mr. Chambers should have slowed up or passed the dog on the left. He remarked that it was better to kill a dog than to endanger the lives of people on the road..... Isn't there a "BEST" in such circumstances?

In spite of what Mr. Claxon can say, our mean temperature must be generous. It seems to be trying to exceed the maximum from day to day.

Three headings in the "China Mail":—Our Forefathers; Lived in Trees But the Trees Left Them; Tails, Beards & Hairy Coats:..... The present generation reverses the procedure by leaving home instead of being left. But there is a striking resemblance in the tails, beards and hairy coats. According to a local advertisement, a man can play the second fiddle to his spouse.

Then Mr. Arter looks through his "two years' long telescope" and sees some disgruntled rubber-brokers, tried speculators, unappeased consumers, and sadder, if not wiser, Dutch planting friends, but the planters were still alive!..... There's no guaranteeing the number of stars one also sees on coming out of an ordeal like that.

A factor of local parties is that when a guest gets wound up he does not go.

Says a Police Court report of an assault case, because the complainant and witnesses for the prosecution gave three different versions, the Magistrate discharged the defendant..... We know of one man who gave ten different versions immediately after a recent affair.

Water restrictions will be lifted when our weather becomes irrigating instead of irritating.

It is alleged that the Bengal Jute Merchants and Brokers Association induced people to speculate..... and fixing rates according to this fictitious supply and demand, says Reuter..... Brokers in Hong Kong do better; they induce people to speculate in fiction!

Whiteaway's, during their dollar sale, coped with many counter-attacks.

The inclusion of the British Dominions and India in an anti-war pact by immediate invitations which are being sent direct to Canada, the Irish Free State and through the British Foreign Office to Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and India is also viewed with satisfaction—the view of British people in Washington, vide Reuter..... The compositor must have left Hong Kong out of the list by mistake.

Short pants may be objectionable but short skirts ought to speed up Peak Tram traffic. Some people think them fast, at any rate.

Shorter frocks is one of the main causes of the depression in the wool textile trade, we are told..... Well, if skirts keep going up something had to come down.

Our geographers: "Mr. Henritze took motion pictures of the Dead Sea—13,000 feet below the level of the Mediterranean."—A daily..... And about 10,000 feet below the bottom of the Dead Sea.

"Veteran Venizelos Again on Warpath," says a heading in the "China Mail"..... Very zealous to keep going at his time of life.

"Golf Professor (giving a lesson): You know, sir, you lift your elbow too much to play golf properly.

"New Member: How dare you? I'm a lifelong testataller."—Humorous column..... It would be interesting to know which University has established a Chair of Golf and whether its Professor sits on it to play.

Melchior, who made the attempt, reports that the "plane (Bremen)" is "forty per cent. demolished." Melchior himself was not injured.—Reuter's American Service. .... We have recollections of feeling demolished but not injured on the morning after, but the percentage seemed much higher.

Sir John Gilmour said that the Government had no responsibility for the proposed merger of Marx-con-Eastern services..... And nobody seems to have any responsibility for the occasional mutilations the public gets.

"The Girls' Schools are closed for want of pupils and one notices the teachers preferring the roads to walk upon rather than the foot-paths."—paragraph..... A de-elite manifestation of an inferior intellect complex caused by the removal of an authoritative condition.







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TACOMA MARU Monday, 25th June.  
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AFRICA MARU (From Shanghai) Thursday, 31st May.  
ARIZONA MARU Monday, 11th June.  
HAIPHONG—Via HOIHOW & PARHOI.  
MENADO MARU Friday, 8th June 10 a.m.  
NEW YORK—Via Japan ports, San Francisco & Panama.  
YAVANA MARU Middle of June.

JAPAN PORTS.  
ATLAS MARU Wednesday, 6th June.  
KEELUNG—Via SWATOW & AMOY.  
KISHU MARU Sunday, 27th May Noon.  
HOZAN MARU Sunday, 3rd June Noon.  
TAKAO—Via SWATOW & AMOY.  
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**SHIPPING SECTION.**

**NEW POLICY.**  
U.S. MERCHANT MARINE.

**SHIPPING BOARD'S REPORT.**  
Recommendations for a new policy for the United States Merchant Marine, drawn up by the Shipping Board, and embodying report adopted at a recent meeting in Washington of leading steamship company representatives of the United States on legislation now before Congress, have been submitted to the Senate and House committees charged with shipping legislation.

For the present there is no prospect of Congress enacting direct subsidy legislation, states the Board's report, but it declared that if Congress is content with carrying out the Merchant Marine Act for vessel replacement and new construction the adoption of certain indirect aids would prove very effective, such as:—

"A reaffirmation as provided in the Jones Bill of the national policy to establish and maintain a permanent merchant marine.

"Generous compensation for the carriage of foreign mails under long-term contracts.

**Tax Exemptions.**  
"A liberalisation of the terms under which loans may be secured by U.S. shipbuilders and operators from the present construction loan fund.

"Several tax exemptions on U.S. vessels operating in foreign trade, including a provision whereby deductions shall be allowed from taxable incomes derived from operating profits to the extent that such profits are devoted to new ship construction.

"Transfer to privately-owned U.S. vessels of the business now handled by army and navy transports and by the vessels owned and chartered by the Panama Railroad Steamship Line.

"Amendment of section 33 of the Act of Congress approved February 28, 1925, providing for the creation of a naval reserve, so as to authorise two months' pay to such officers and men of the U.S. merchant marine engaged in foreign trade.

**An Insurance System.**  
"The establishment of an insurance system which will place U.S. vessels on an equality with foreign vessels in the matter of insurance."

These recommendations follow a series of conferences between Representative White (Rep.) of Maine, chairman of the House Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries, and members of the Shipping Board.

The Board in submitting its report pointed out that it was charged with the duty of carrying out the national shipping policy and that it "feels obligated to transmit the resolutions to Congress and to accompany them with a brief statement of its views as to the principal points that should receive consideration in future legislation affecting the U.S. merchant marine."

With only a few exceptions, it stated, the points stressed by the Board will be found in one or another of the bills referred to in the resolution adopted by the shipping conference, namely, the Cope-land Bill, the Jones Bill, the Wood Bill and also the White Bill, which was introduced after the conference was held.

The Board stated that should the definite recommendations be carried out, in their judgment it will "give to the country within a reasonable time a permanent and prosperous merchant marine made up of fast modern ships under private ownership, capable of transporting the greater portion of our foreign commerce and of serving as a powerful naval auxiliary in time of national peril."

**THE BUILDING OF NEW SHIPS.**  
"\$200,000,000 Must Be Spent."

"If Government aid to U.S. shipping is guaranteed, U.S. capital is ready to go at once into the building of merchant ships for foreign trade, at least four concerns are ready to do this," Mr. H. G. Smith, vice-president of the Bethlehem Shipping Corporation, speaking as the representative of the National Council of American Shipbuilders, declared in an address at a recent meeting of the Propeller Club, state New York address.

If there is to be a U.S. merchant marine in accordance with the sentiment of the American people, he said, some way must be provided for building new ships. In 1916, there were 22 shipyards capable of building ocean-going vessels, and in 1923 there remain only 9, 3 of the largest of these, having only about one-third of their full forces at work. "If the shipyards are to be maintained," he said, "we must begin building ships mighty soon or the shipyards will have lost their trained personnel."

**U.S. And British Costs.**  
The National Council of American Shipbuilders, Mr. Smith said, made a careful analysis about a year ago of the comparative costs of shipbuilding in the U.S. and Great Britain, and found that cargo ships and tankers cost about 50 per cent. more in the U.S., while combination passenger and cargo ships cost 55 to 56 per cent. more. With this higher cost of construction and the higher cost of operation under the U.S. flag, he pointed out, U.S. ships cannot be operated in competition with other vessels in foreign trade without some form of aid to offset the differentials against them.

Construction of new vessels, even for the coastwise trades, is retarded, he said, by the fact that Shipping Board tonnage can be purchased at low prices and entered in these trades. Under present conditions, he went on, Shipping Board tonnage can be purchased at 5 dollars, to 7.50 dollars per ton, or about 50,000 dollars for a cargo ship of ordinary size. Taxes paid on a new vessel of the same size, he asserted, would amount to more than 50,000 dollars, so that retention of these vessels is not an asset.

"It would be much better," he said, "if these vessels were disposed of once and for all. Things won't get much better in the coastwise trade until these vessels have been definitely disposed of."

"If we are to have a merchant marine by 1940, the nation must make up its mind to spend at least 1,000,000,000 dollars to get it. Replacement of necessary ships to be in operation by 1940 in what the Shipping Board deems to be essential services," he said, "will cost 600,000,000 dollars, to 700,000,000 dollars, and incidental outlays will bring the total up to 1,000,000,000."

**Pending Shipping Legislation.**  
Reviewing the pending shipping legislation, he said, the Jones Bill, which contains the objectionable unanimous consent provision in connection with ship sales, makes no definite provision for new construction. The Cope-land Bill provides for equalisation of operating costs by means of increased mail subventions, but makes no special provision for cargo vessels.

The Wood Bill, which is favoured by the council, does provide for loans up to 75 per cent. of the cost of construction, at 2 per cent. interest, for a period of 20 years, part of the loan to be payable in the form of services rendered to the Government. It also provides for insurance of vessels at 1 per cent. below prevailing rates.

The White Bill, he said, would provide for transfer of the Shipping Board's cargo ships to private ownership, and by means of its naval reserve clauses, would provide for equalisation of operating costs.

None of the numerous pending measures, he said, contemplate the abandonment of any of the present services, and added that no matter what may be done to replace Shipping Board vessels in the essential services, it is absolutely essential to do something to get private capital interested in the building of new ships.

There will be no difficulty in doing this, he said, if it can be shown that U.S. shipping promises a reasonable profit on the investment, and he cited the example of the Cunard, Cosulich and North German Lloyd Lines in floating loans in U.S. on shipping securities.

**MOVEMENT OF STEAMERS.**  
The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Russia" from Hong Kong on May 5, left Yokohama on Friday, and is due at Vancouver to-morrow.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" (Capt. A. J. Haley, R.N.R.) is due here on May 28 at 8 a.m., and will berth at Pier No. 5, Kowloon Wharf. She will leave here for Victoria and Vancouver, B.C., via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama on May 30 at noon.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Canada" left Vancouver for Hong Kong, via Japan ports and Shanghai, on May 17, and is due here on June 4.

The M/V "Agra" (Swedish East Asiatic Co., Ltd.) left Antwerp on May 7, and is due here on or about June 16.

The M/V "Delhi" (Swedish East Asiatic Co., Ltd.) left Hamburg on May 13, and is due here on or about June 17.

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**FEEDING 'EM.**  
WHAT THE FLEET IS EATING.  
KEEPING SEAMEN FIT.

When the Atlantic Fleet left Portland in January last for its spring cruise it carried with it provisions sufficient for four months. Remembering that each capital ship accommodates from 1,200 to 1,400 officers and men, and that the numerous other vessels of the fleet all have proportionately large complements some idea will be gained of the formidable task that devolved upon those responsible for the victualling arrangements.

In comparatively recent times, the feeding of the Navy has been revolutionised. If the bluejacket of to-day does not live on the fat of the land, he does at least get an adequate ration of wholesome well-cooked food, and his menu has the supreme merit variety. In every warship a detailed list of the meals for each week is drawn up by the victualling officers and cooks, subject to the approval of the accountant-officer. I have before me a list compiled for the general mess of an Atlantic Fleet battleship for the week ended March 25. Here is the bill of fare for four days selected at random:

Monday.—Breakfast: Kippers. Dinner: Beefsteak pie, potatoes, haricot beans, macaroni pudding. Tea: Golden syrup. Supper: Preserved meats and sauce.

Wednesday.—Breakfast: Sausage and egg. Dinner: Tond-in-hole, potatoes, marrowfat peas, fruit salad with custard. Tea: Marmalade. Supper: Rissoles and pea pudding.

Friday.—Breakfast: Bacon and maasli. Dinner: Roast beef, potatoes, and cabbage, jam roly-poly. Tea: Jam. Supper: Cold meat and pickles.

Sunday.—Breakfast: Bacon and egg. Dinner: Baked ox hearts, sage and onions, cabbage, fruit salad and custard. Tea: Mixed fruit cake and butter. Supper: Cheese and onions.

Cocoa is issued daily on turning out, and margarine, bread, and tea are issued daily at breakfast, tea, and supper, but cocoa is occasionally substituted for tea at supper.

I can testify to the food being excellent in quality and, apparently, ample in quantity. It is prepared by highly-trained cooks in clean, well-equipped galleys, which are frequently inspected by the officer responsible. Bread is baked daily, and on the shelves of the bakehouse store there are endless rows of delicious, golden-brown loaves fresh from the oven.

**Health of the Navy.**  
Seeing all these things, an old-timer might conclude that the fleet-men of to-day were unduly pampered in the matter of diet. That, however, is not the case. The bluejacket leads a strenuous life, and he requires good food to keep him fit. Every penny of public money spent in this way is soundly invested. It is certainly no coincidence that the rate of sickness in the Navy should decline so rapidly since the present system of messing was introduced. If the health statistics of the Service still leave something to be desired, the fact undoubtedly is due, not to the food that the sailor eats, but to the general conditions under which he lives on board ship.

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EMPRESS OF CANADA	June 13	June 16	June 19	June 21	June 30
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	July 4	July 7	July 10	July 12	July 21
EMPRESS OF ASIA	July 18	July 21	July 24	July 26	Aug. 4
EMPRESS OF CANADA	Aug. 8	Aug. 11	Aug. 14	Aug. 16	Aug. 25
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	Aug. 29	Sept. 1	Sept. 4	Sept. 6	Sept. 15
EMPRESS OF ASIA	Sept. 12	Sept. 15	Sept. 18	Sept. 20	Sept. 29
EMPRESS OF CANADA	Oct. 3	Oct. 6	Oct. 9	Oct. 11	Oct. 20
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	Oct. 24	Oct. 27	Oct. 30	Nov. 1	Nov. 10

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subject to rent.

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and all Goods remaining undeliver-  
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1928, or they will not be recognis-  
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## FEEDING 'EM.

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thing that human ingenuity can  
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a proper supply of fresh air below  
deck. Even in these vessels, how-  
ever, much of the air that is  
breathed on the mess decks and in  
the flats—where many of the  
officers' cabins are situated—is  
necessarily of the "stagnant" variety,  
and it is more than doubtful  
whether the problem of ventilating  
a fighting ship can ever be solved  
in a really satisfactory manner.  
Portholes—"scuttles," as they are  
termed in the Navy—are limited by  
the exigencies of armour protection.  
It would be simple enough to design  
a battleship or cruiser in which  
every cabin or compartment above  
the armoured deck had direct  
access to the sea breeze, but such  
a vessel would be nothing less than  
a death-trap when it went into  
action.

### Impressive Figures.

Reverting to the question of  
ventilating a big ship for a long  
cruise, here are some of the pro-  
visions which a battleship of the  
Iron Duke class took in before  
leaving Portland, the amounts being  
calculated on the basis of a pos-  
sible absence of four months:  
Flour, 120,000lb; condensed milk,  
20,000lb; sugar, 32,000lb; tea,  
5,200lb; chocolate, 3,600lb; jam,  
8,000lb; pickles, 1,000lb; preserved  
meats and salmon, 8,800lb; salt,  
4,000lb; peas and beans, 12,000lb;  
soap, 8,000lb; tobacco, 2,400lb.

Add to these items many hundred  
tons of chilled meat, fresh and  
dried vegetables, &c., and the  
ordinary naval stores—rope, paint,  
and so forth, of which every vessel  
normally carries a six months' supply—and it will be realised that  
a King's ship of large tonnage is,  
in effect, both a fighting ship and  
a vast floating warehouse.

The preservation and distribution  
of these stores naturally involves  
a great deal of office work, which  
falls upon the accountant staff of  
the ship. In a vessel of the type  
mentioned this consists of a pay-  
master-commander, a paymaster  
Lieut.-commander, and a paymaster  
Lieutenant, besides a warrant officer  
and five writers, thirteen supply  
ratings, and thirteen cooks, in-  
cluding bakers. Hidden away in  
various parts of the ship are up-  
wards of twenty store-rooms. The  
contents of each store have to be  
checked at frequent intervals.

The responsibilities of the ac-  
countant staff are by no means con-  
fined to the victualling branch.  
Whether the ship is port or at sea,  
her thousand odd ratings draw  
their pay every fortnight. Pay  
day falls every alternate Friday,  
when the men, cap in hand, line  
up outside the ship's office. In  
bygone days each man received his  
amount due to him in sovereigns or  
silver, or both, as the case might be,  
but the coming of the Treasury  
note has rather complicated mat-  
ters. It has, therefore, been found  
convenient to place each man's pay  
in an envelope, which he receives  
in his cap as of yore.

### Supply of Ready Money.

Normally a ship carries only one  
month's supply of ready money,  
but on the occasion of the recent  
cruise the Atlantic Fleet was pro-  
vided with sufficient cash for three  
months. From this brief outline of  
their duties it will be gathered  
that the accountant officers of his  
Majesty's Navy have no sinecure.

In every warship there is an  
officer who voluntarily supervises  
the physical training of the ship's  
company. An athlete himself,  
he does his utmost to foster a  
sporting spirit among the men.  
He works with them and plays with  
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cises and their games, and shares  
to the full their pride or chagrin at  
the result of inter-squad or in-  
ter-fleet sporting competitions. Few  
sports are more inspiring than that  
of the early morning "spirit" round  
the deck, with officers and men run-  
ning at full speed, while the ship's  
band, stationed in the waist, waits

up to an ever-increasing tempo on  
the theme of "Three Blind Mice" or  
some other popular ditty.

To the observer who probes  
beneath the surface of things  
sees as these are even more re-  
assuring from the national point of  
view than the spectacle of great  
guns hitting the target at a range  
of many miles. The true quality  
of a fighting organism must be  
gauged, not by its material, but  
its men, and judged by this test  
the British Navy of to-day is sound  
to the core.

## SWEDISH SHIPPING REPORTS.

### New Company Formed In Gothenburg.

Two of the leading Swedish  
shipping companies, the Swedish  
America-Mexico Line and the  
Trans-Atlantic Shipping Company  
have now published their annual re-  
ports, both showing improved re-  
sult and increased profits.

The Swedish America-Mexico  
Line reports a net profit for 1927  
of 348,487 kroner against 294,014  
in 1926. The board proposes to  
raise the dividend from the pre-  
vious 2½ per cent. to 4 per cent.,  
and to transfer 367,855 kroner to  
the 1928 profit and loss account.  
During the past year the company's  
fleet was increased by 9,637 tons  
d.w. through the delivery of two  
new motor-driven vessels, the  
"Sparholm" and the "Odensholm,"  
and during 1928 and 1929 two new  
ships of the "Odensholm" type, of  
5,100 tons d.w. each, will be  
delivered.

The Trans-Atlantic Shipping  
Company for 1927 reports a  
net profit of 1,906,776 kroner  
against 683,708 kroner in 1926.  
The board proposes writing  
off 1,627,353 kroner on the  
company's fleet, and to re-  
deem the 1925 and 1926 coupons  
of preferred shares.

A new shipping company, the  
Transmark Company, Limited, has  
been formed in Gothenburg with a  
minimum capital of 250,000 kroner.  
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operate an 11,000-ton motor tanker,  
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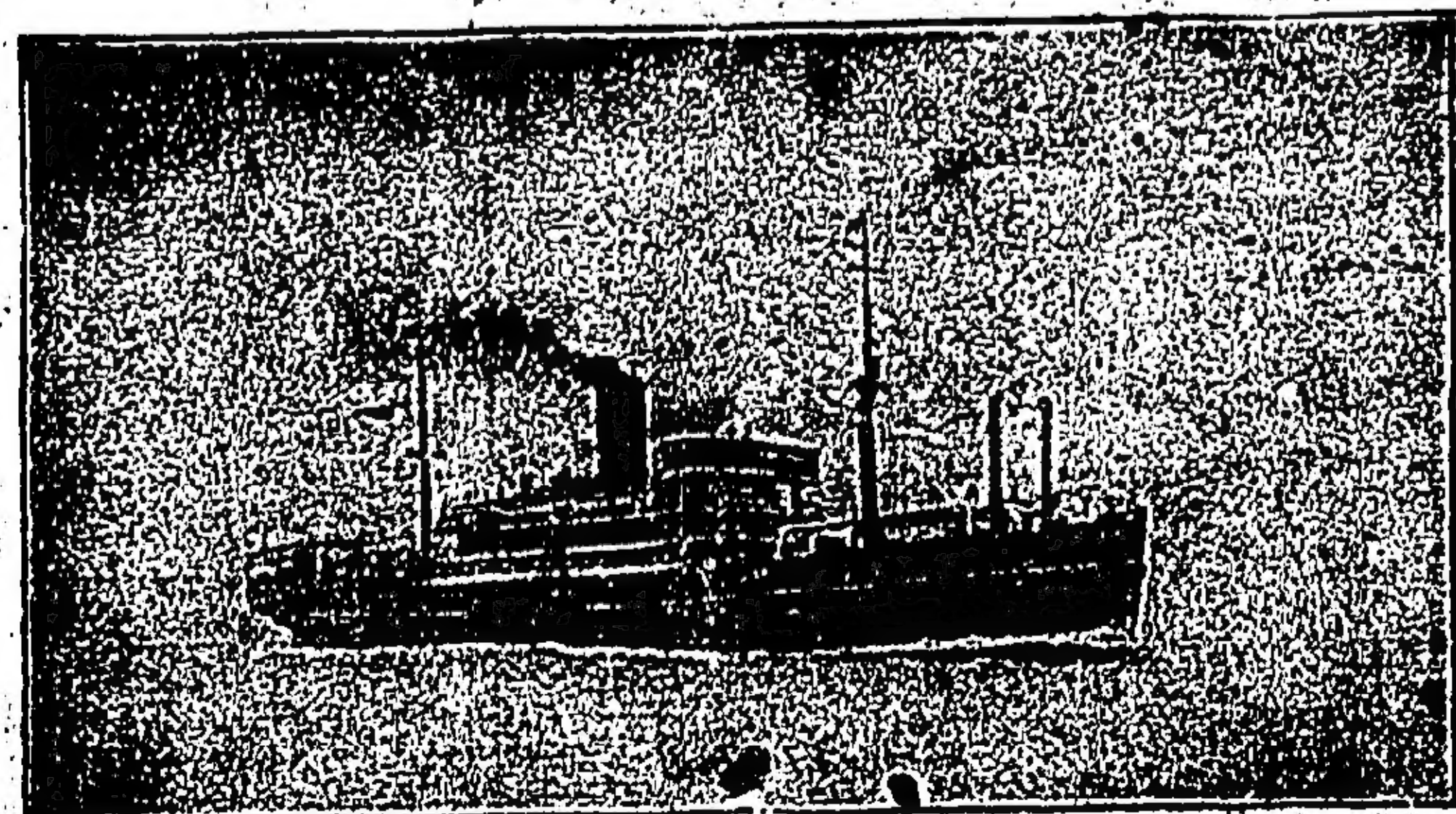
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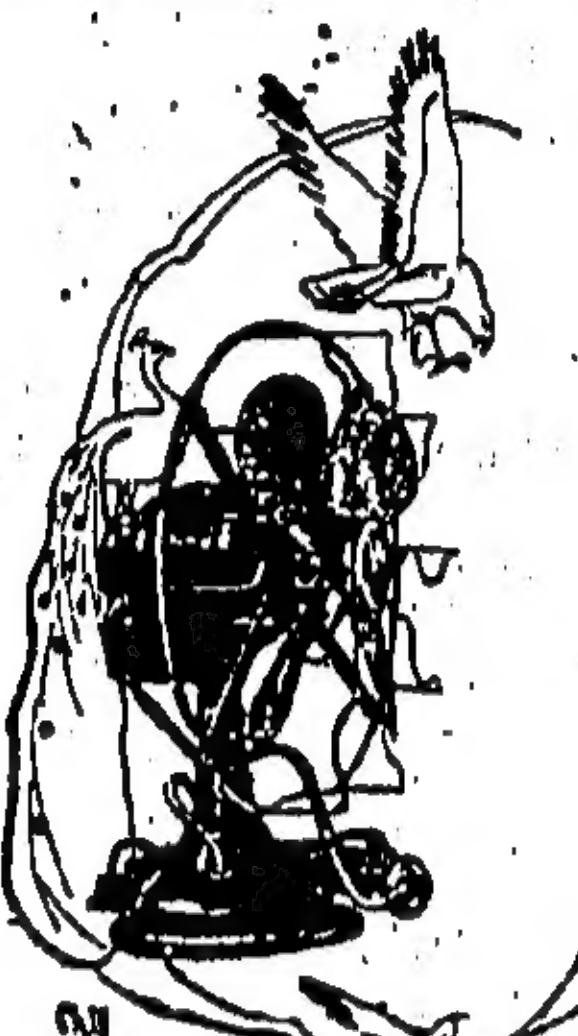
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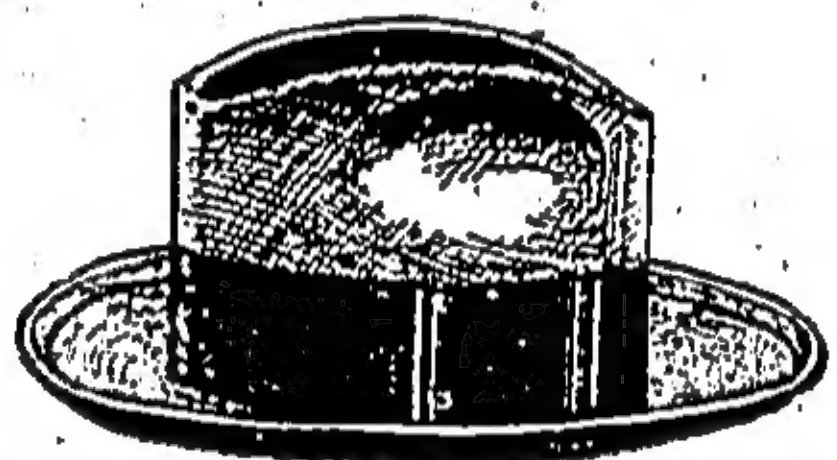
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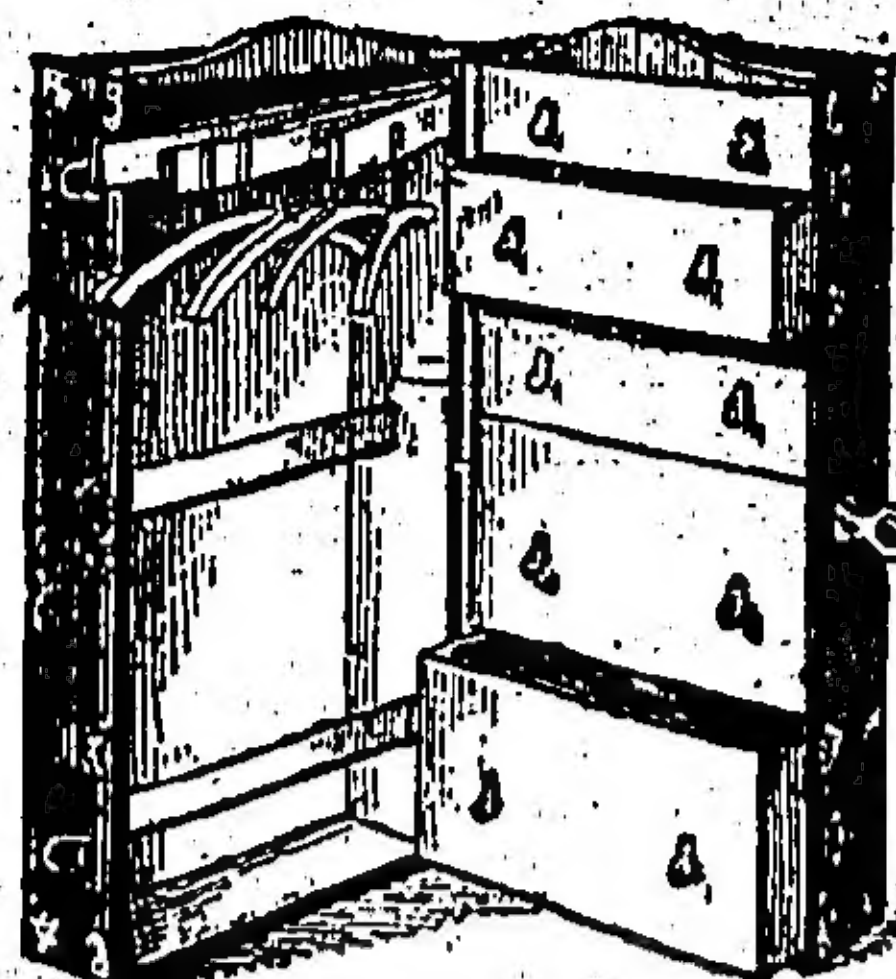
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Mrs. Lee Hysan and family and relatives beg to acknowledge their profound gratitude to the many friends who sent tributes to the funeral on Friday, May 25th, and also to thank everybody who attended the funeral and expressed condolence in their bereavement.

Hong Kong, Saturday, May 26, 1928.

## H.C. His Column.

I always gathered that Well I the Roman Church did Never! not like the Masons, but now we have the Fascists, which does not like the Roman Church, condemning hand-shaking. What do you think of that?

When I write my his- That Peak tory of Hong Kong— Air, which I intend to do if I stay here long enough—I shall include a chapter on matters geographical. The location of the place in which a man lives, sleeps and spends his recreational hours has much to do, I think, with the manner in which he occupies his working period. All else being equal, there is, it strikes me, a distinct difference in the mental application and output between a person living, say, at Happy Valley or in Bowen-road, or at Kowloon Point and in the Repulse Bay Hotel. Following my point so far, readers may perhaps jump to the conclusion that, in order to get the best out of a worker, he should reside on the Peak, and the higher the better. This is hardly my contention. Because, it depends not

much upon the man himself. The just above the call and below the Peak is an ideal home place for those (the passers-through)

a talpan, but he must be a real, dyed-in-the-wool talpan. For a junior residence there is fatal. He gets, in the first place, a wrong idea of his own importance, and he gets, invariably, lazy. May be the air on the heights is such that it atrophies the power of will of all except the strong-minded. . . . Anyway, it is an interesting study.

The mention of Ceylon Ceylon will always stir sweet Memories, memories that linger in the minds of some of our august officials, others have loved the Island so much that they have taken themselves back there with undisguised pleasure. One, you may remember, when he got beyond our grasp, said rather pointedly what he thought about Hong Kong, and we will never forget him! However, in spite of the drawbacks here, officialdom has not yet had to contend with a situation such as now exists in the land of the Singalese. There, it appears, a gentleman called the Hon. Mr. D. B. Jayatilaka has brought an action for defamation against a Ceylon newspaper, and in order to "establish the fact of interference by Legislative Councillors in regard to appointments, transfers and promotions of their candidates" in the Government Service" he has moved "for evidence to be given by no other than the Director of Medical and Sanitary Services.

What a curious state Hybrid Title, of affairs, to be sure. Fancy our own Dr. Moore being called into the witness box for a similar purpose. You cannot, of course, fancy anything of the sort for the occasion is one of a kind which would never arise, I trust, in Hong Kong. A perusal of the report, however, has set my mind at rest on one point. I know now from whence our late P.M.C.D.'s hybrid title was derived. Blessed are the fruits of Ceylon!

An item about the Order of the Garter, the Garter, announcing the appointment of three new Knights to that ancient honour, interested me. It reminded me of another Order, of the Garter. This was when I was in a very cosmopolitan port in the North. Young ladies passing through on their way home via Siberia caught the local girls' fashion of wearing their dresses just above the call and below the Peak. They (the passers-through)

made a horrible mess of it. They did not realise that the local girls' stockings were hitched up above to a strong suspender or a ring of serviceable elastic. How do I know? Wasn't I there?

I see that an effort has been made to put the Great Pyramid in pride of place among the wonders of the world. A pamphlet—I didn't notice its name—says the stone since the middle of the last century, has been the victim of a startling theory—that it constitutes a startling prophecy, built under Divine direction "to give indications in future years of the course of world events" And so on. According to an interpretation the exact period of the great war was shown by a length of very low passage, leading into a larger gallery, usually termed the king's ante-chamber. What the stone might have told those interested was that the period of the great war was paved with a very heap passage to the seat of action, leading into a larger life usually known as the King's uniform. But that is neither here nor there, is it?

Ten members of the Not So junior bar have, I observed, been admitted to "silk," and I also note that they were "called" between the years 1894 and 1912 which, on the face of it, shows that it is not so easy for a barrister to obtain the coveted K.C. crown. But it is worth the waiting and the worry, I would imagine. One of our local luminaries is credited with charging eight hundred dollars a day for appearance in the Supreme Court. You can't call that bad pay, even for a local K.C., can you?

The Shaftesbury Our Homes and "Are- Youngsters, thus" Training Ship, formerly the National Refugees, are circularising Britons in the Far East, and in case any of my readers have not received their notice, I propose to say something about the concern. The Society was founded in 1843 with the object of educating and training fatherless, bereaved and neglected children. Since then just on 26,000 youngsters have been given a good start in life. There are four Homes in and around London, and the "Are-thusa" training ship buoyed on the Thames. These are for boys; girls are looked after at Ealing, Sudbury and Royston. The Mercantile Marine and the Royal Navy take the majority of the boys, and the girls go into domestic service after being trained in household duties.

The Society, in their Some Out circular, are asking for Here, donations, and perhaps residents of the Colony may find it possible to assist this really good cause. We have had "Arethusa" laid in the ships out here, and we have others in different walks of life amongst us; the Customs have found occupation for more than one. All are thankful for the Society's training, and here, I think, we have a charity about which we cannot go wrong. The Prince of Wales, the President of the Society, when speaking about the work, said:—This is a cause about which nobody need be in any doubt, and it is because our Society has for so many years devoted itself to this cause with such conspicuous success that I feel confident it will get the public support which it now asks. The Prince generally knows what he is talking about.

So our respected Registrar of Marriages and Land Officers, now officiating on the Beach, has, according to the custom, been releasing justice with a little merry at a dash of leniency. Oh, well, I

can understand it. He brings a mind perfectly fresh and detached to the job and has not had to deal with dozens of "Truthful James" regularly for six days a week. Of course, there may be another reason why a fellow who looks as if he is bound for a month or two behind the bars walks out of court unmolested. Perhaps the Magistrates have to study the question of jail-accommodation from day to day. Suppose, for instance, there was room for only ten new birds in Mr. Franks' Hotel, and suppose the two cadis had a very energetic day and despatched, say, three dozen offenders—where would they put the other two dozen?

As someone said in these Nothing columns a few months ago, back we people who write for our living cannot help but stick up our wares for any fool to shoot at. And the fool generally shoots. One—there are others worse—attempts to take me to task for using what he describes as a split infinitive. If he will examine the sentence in question again he will discover that the word "to" is an ordinary preposition governing a noun. I will not bore my readers with a repetition of the sentence and a copy of the correspondence thereabout. I think I have said enough to show my flannicky friend where he gets off.

I see that seven-a-Side side rugby has invaded the south of England. This is a new departure, though in Scotland, I am told, they have been playing the game for nearly half a century. It is a whirlwind affair, too; something after the style of six-a-side soccer, only speedier and needing every bit of determination to get the ball where it is wanted. The fastest man on the side is put at full-back, and the job of the other six is to ply him with chances. All efforts are made to shoot the ball out to him as soon as it is headed, and he then races for the line; he must not cross kick or kick for touch. Possession, it is therefore seen, is everything in this abbreviated rugby game.

## INDIAN MEMORIAL. UNVEILED IN KOWLOON CEMETERY.

At the Indian Cemetery, Kowloon, yesterday, H.E. the Officer Administering the Government (the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southorn, C.M.G.) unveiled a memorial to eight Indian soldiers who died here during the Great War.

Addressing the assembly, in which the military forces were largely represented, His Excellency said:—We have assembled to-day to unveil a memorial of those Indian soldiers who died in Hong Kong while on active service during the Great War. It is, of course, known that these soldiers did not lose their lives by direct enemy action on the field of battle, but in as much as service to the Empire required some to fight in the trenches, some to remain at the base, and some to guard the outposts of our distant possessions, the British Government decided that there should be no differentiation in the honour paid to the memory of those soldiers who lost their lives in loyal service to the Empire in her hour of need. I need not remind you of the wonderful response of the Indian Empire to the nation's call for help. From the highest to the lowest in the land our Indian brothers-in-arms flocked to the support of the British cause, and some in the course of duty were posted to Hong Kong. Here eight Indian soldiers died, and to their memory this tablet which I have the honour to unveil has been erected at the joint expense of the Imperial War Graves Commission, and the Hong Kong War Memorial Fund. May it ever be a reminder of India's honourable participation in the War, and to all these races which enjoy the Pax Britannica, an inspiration to loyal service to the Empire.

Dr. Bonas, the Czechoslovakian Foreign Minister, arrived in London from Paris, where he has been completing a holiday necessitated by overwork.

The Hon. Mr. B. D. F. Balh has been appointed a member of the Authorized Architects Committee in place of Mr. D. G. M. Bernard, who resigned.

## MR. LEE HYSAN.

IMPRESSIVE FUNERAL HELD YESTERDAY.

TWO BRASS BANDS ATTEND.

Official, merchant and all classes were represented at the funeral yesterday of the late Mr. Lee Hysan, the Chinese millionaire who was assassinated a few weeks ago in his club.

The impressive procession, containing many of the best features of such displays, was extraordinarily long; and it passed through the entire length of the city.

The brass band of the Chung Sing Benevolent Society, of which deceased was a life member and a benefactor, was in attendance, played the March Funere.

At "Yat Pit Ting," Kennedy-town, a halt was made inside the pavilion for friends, foreign and Chinese, to pay their last respects. The band of the 2nd Batt. King's Own Scottish Borderers was in attendance there.

Many Mourners. The principal mourners were the five sons (Messrs. Lee Wing-kam, Lee Wing-sun, Lee Wing-tip, Lee Wing-kit and Lee Wing-hong) and the four daughters of deceased. The widow and concubine followed the coffin and the two nephews, Messrs. Lee Wai-suen and Lee Bak-hung, supported the funeral chair.

Hundreds of scrolls, extolling the virtues of Mr. Lee Hysan, were borne in the procession.

The South China Athletic Association, of which Mr. Lee was President at the time of his death, sent a mammoth wreath. Pupils of the Association's free schools turned out in force. The 14th Troop of Boy Scouts (also of the S.C.A.A.) were present, carrying a scroll of flowers with the Scout motto picked out.

A Wreath From Governor. A wreath from H.E. the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi) was accorded a place of honour in the procession.

Among those who were present at Yat Pit Ting were the Hon. Sir Sheu-sen Chow, the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, Sir Robert Ho Tung, Mr. A. E. Wood, Dr. S. W. To, Mr. Wong Kwong-tin, Mr. Li Yaw-tsun, Mr. D. E. Blake, Mr. J. M. Wong, Mr. Lo Cheung-shiu, Mr. Ho Kwong, Mr. Ho Ju, Mr. C. G. Anderson (hon. secretary, Queen's College Old Boys' Association), Mr. C. E. H. Beavis, Mr. Lo Chui-chiu, Mr. Ma Ghi-lung, Mr. Lo Yuk-tong, Mr. Ho Wing, Mr. J. F. Gross, Mr. E. S. Ford, Mr. A. P. Graves, Mr. Fung Tsok-lum, Dr. E. Law, Professor Lai Chai-hsi, Mr. J. S. McKenzie, Mr. Wai Po-cheung, Mr. She Yu-man, Mr. Kwok Siu-lau, Mr. Ho Ki, Mr. Wong Tong, Mr. Mok Wing-u, Mr. Mok Kon-sang, Mr. Yung Tze-ming, Mr. Ho Wing-chuen, Mr. Tang Chi-ngong, Mr. Tsang Foo.

Among those who sent wreaths were Mr. Eldon Potter, Mr. F. C. Jenkin, Mr. L. G. St. Johnson, Mr. Chau Ping-ung, The General Committee and members of the Queen's College Old Boys' Association, Mr. A. E. Wood, Mr. A. H. Crook (Headmaster) and Mrs. Crook, the Staff of Queen's College, Mr. Nemmo, the Yue Kee Club, Messrs. Lai Cheong Loong, Lee Garden, Lee Theatre, Tai Wo restaurant, South China A.A. Boy Scouts, Mr. Leung Wing-cheung, Mr. Li Fuk-tsau, the "China Mail," Mr. G. W. C. Burnett, Mr. Wai Po-cheung.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer has received from Lloyds Bank £200 as a contribution from one of their customers, who desires to remain anonymous, towards the reduction of the National Debt.

Commodore King, Secretary, Mine Department, stated in Parliament that since January 1, 1927, 192 pits in South Wales normally employing 30,000, wages earners had closed and not reopened.

## TEASERS.

Answer The "China Mail" Questions.  
TO-DAY'S POSERS.

From day to day a series of half a dozen questions, not tremendously difficult to answer, but not always so simply solved as may be thought, appear on this page. Answers are given on page 13.

1. What is a Hookah?
2. Who were the Centi?
3. And what famous woman ruler led them against the Romans?
4. What is the Jerusalem chamber?
5. What English lady died in this chamber?
6. What place in England is famed for its very fine lace?



# PICTURES OF LOCAL INTEREST



WE SHOULD SAY SO!—Madge Bellamy, coming here on the screen in "Ankles Preferred."



MR. HO KOM-TONG, J.P., O.B.E., Kt., of Grace Order of St. John, district officer, St. John Ambulance Brigade, who has not missed a day's flat-racing in Hong Kong for years.



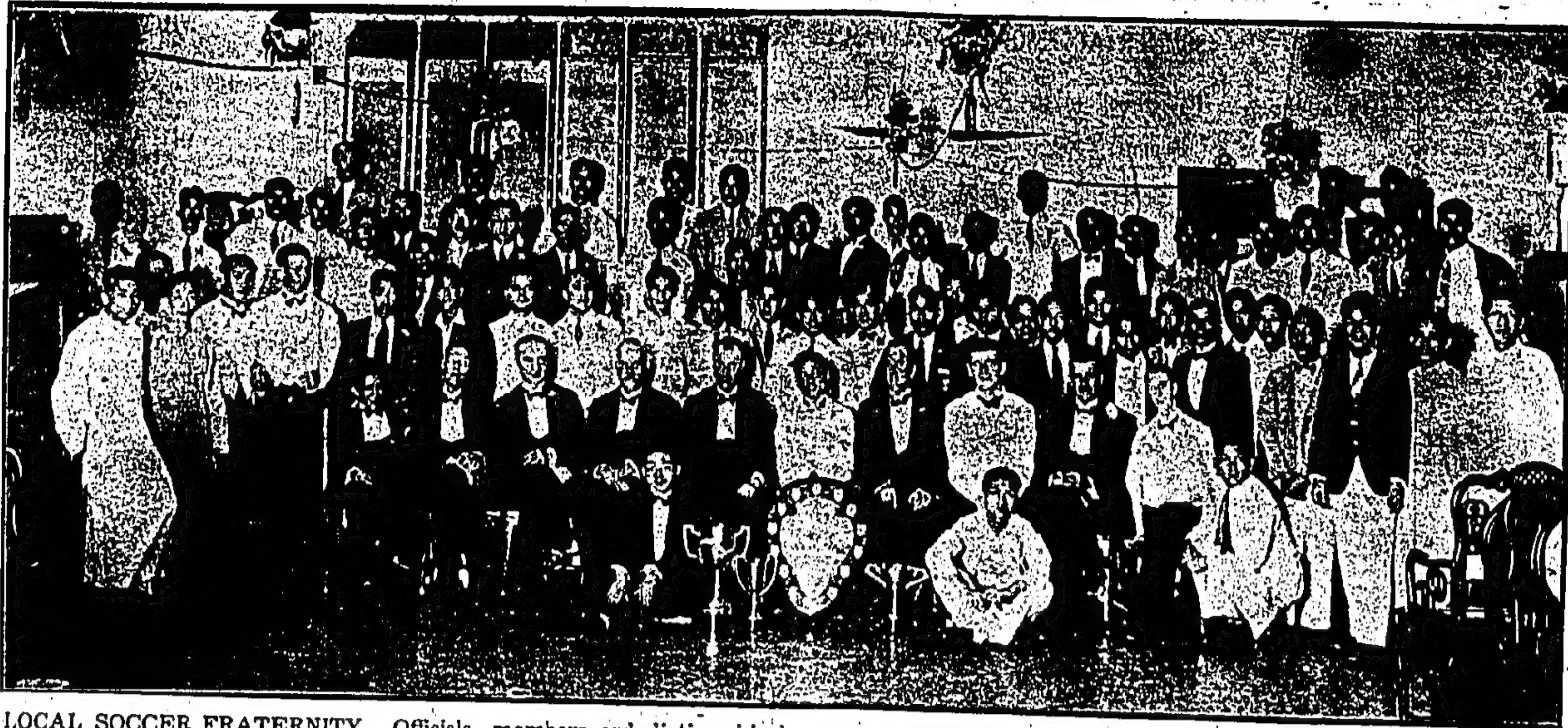
HERE SHE IS AGAIN.—Madge of ankle fame.



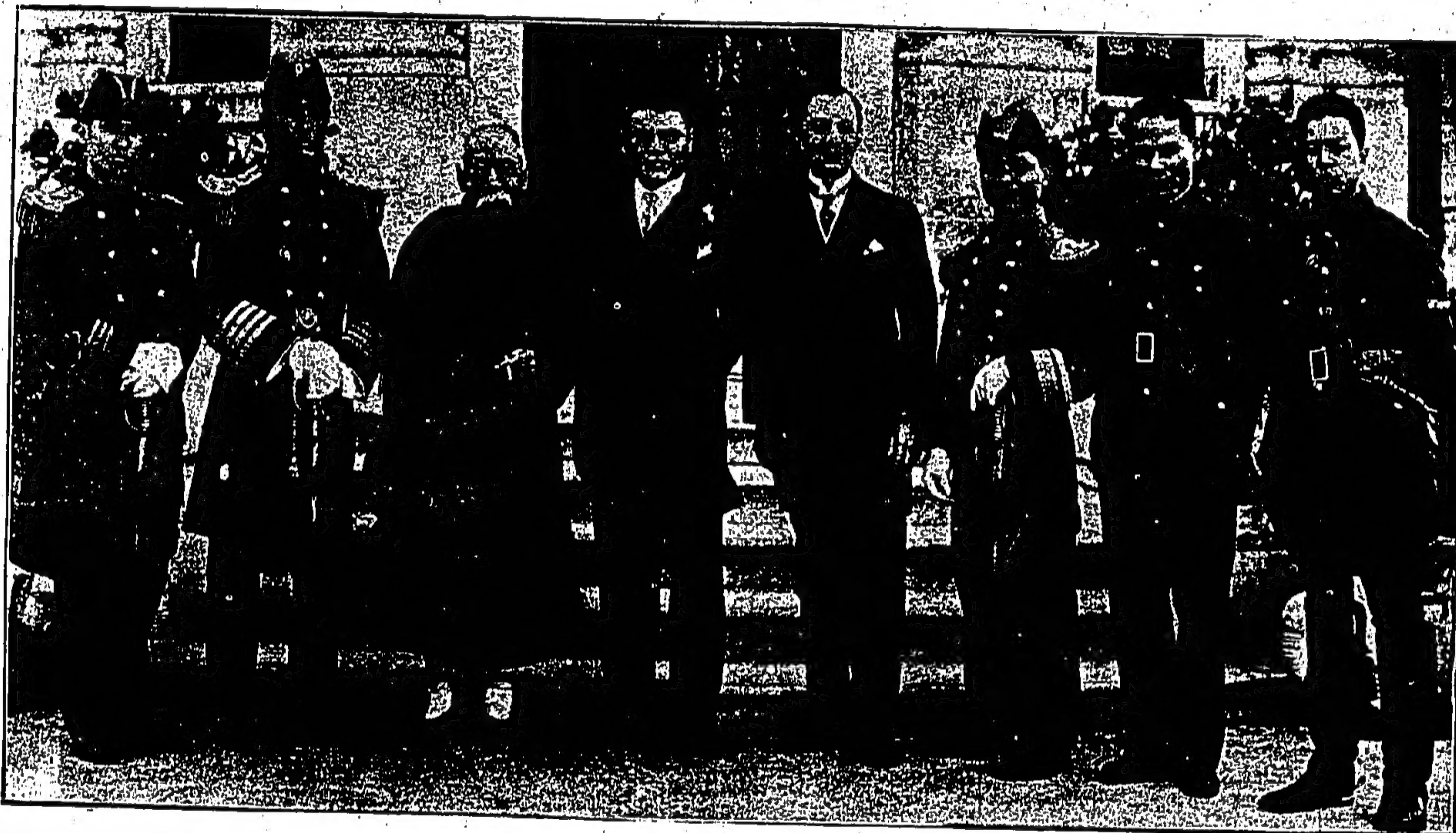
MEDAL OF MERIT.—Mrs. H. K. Remington, who was invested by Mrs. W. T. Southern at Government House on Empire Day with the Girl Guides' Medal of Merit. Addressing the Guides of Hong Kong, Mrs. Remington said: "I feel that I don't deserve this medal as I enjoy my work with you so very much." — (Welcome Studio).



PLEASED THE FANS.—George O'Brien, whom we saw to advantage in "Is Zat So?"



LOCAL SOCCER FRATERNITY.—Officials, members and distinguished guests of the Chinese Athletic Association in the flash-light photo taken last Saturday at the Yee Woo restaurant, West Point, on the occasion of the Association's annual dinner. Guests were present from most of the leading soccer institutions of the Colony. Among the trophies on display are those for the senior league championship and the division II section "B" league championship, also the junior shield championship—all won in the second year of the Association's existence.—(Ying Ming).



OUR OWN ENTENTE.—Some of the leading personalities in the Canton-Hong Kong Entente. Left to right:—Commander Li Ying-kit, commanding the gunboat "Tze Yau"; Captain See Tsung-lau, commanding the gunboat "Fei Ying," flagship of the Canton Nationalist Navy; the Hon. Sir Shou-son Chow, Kt., member of the Executive and Legislative Councils of Hong Kong; General Chui King-tong, who has been promoted from command of the famous 13th division to that of the 5th Nationalist Army; the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, C.M.G., LL.D., member of the Legislative Council of Hong Kong; Admiral Chan Chak, commander-in-chief of the Nationalist Navy in Kwangtung province; General Cheung Wai-cheung, director of the Aviation Bureau in Canton; and General Chan Hing-wan, officer commanding the Macao Forts, on the Canton River, also Principal A.D.C. to Marshal Li Chai-sum.—(Ying Ming).



MR. B. WONG TAPE, J.P., resident secretary of the Sun Life Assurance Co. of Canada, who is in charge of the extensive Sun Life interests in Hong Kong and South China. Mr. Wong is a prominent member of the Chinese Club. During the War he was one of the inspectors of the Chinese detachment in the Hong Kong Police Reserve.—(A. Fong).



THOSE ANKLES AGAIN.—Everybody will rush to see "Ankles Preferred" after viewing all these nice pictures!



"HENNESSY'S"—The local agent and staff of Hennessy's Brandy snapped at a quiet little dinner recently.—(Mee Cheung).



CAPTAIN ROBERT DOLLAR, the veteran ship-owner and merchant, who is to travel to New York on his own round-the-world service, on the "President Wilson." This photograph was taken on the grand promenade deck of the "President Grant," on which Captain Dollar came to Hong Kong from Shanghai.



"SADIE THOMPSON," the film America is talking about. We shall see it here soon. Look at the look in Gloria's eyes. The Swanson girl does her stuff with a vengeance in this screen production.



THREE GENERATIONS are represented in this photograph. They are Mrs. M. F. Julyan (right), her son and daughter-in-law; Mr. and Mrs. P. T. F. Julyan, and grandson, Kevin Julyan, who was just seven months old when this picture was taken on May 19. Mr. and Mrs. P. T. F. Julyan were married in Tientsin on June 27, 1925. Mrs. Julyan, Jun., who was born in North China, was formerly Miss M. T. Shewden whose deceased father was for a long time an official of the C. E. Railway.—(Ming Yuen).



GLORIA AS SADIE.—Said to be Miss Swanson's best picture is "Sadie Thompson."



# THE "MAIL'S" FASHIONS ILLUSTRATED

## DINNER GOWNS ARE SIMPLE.

Styles in All Dresses Show a  
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Dinner gowns that are establishing the greatest chic are decidedly simple in their appeal. There is a richness and distinction that has often been lacking in the more ornate affairs that mark the lines on the new gowns. They also possess a decided leaning towards feminine lines and are apt to be picturesque in their outlines.

Silks are exceedingly popular. They appear in all the colours and are varied in their texture. Crepes, satins, taffetas and chiffons are much used, too. In the handling of fabrics there is seen great diversity. Some charming effects are obtained in the skilful use of two sides of crepe satin. Many chic frocks also have bands of plain material used as a border or a part of the figured goods, while others use combinations of materials in equally interesting and becoming ways.

The picturesque type of gown is particularly favoured in the summer mode. There are all sorts of means of obtaining distinctly femi-

nine lines and the dinner frock that follows this lead is the most favoured of the season's group of gowns. Simplicity is always stressed, but it is a simplicity that is exceedingly smart as well as adapted to individual needs.

The bouffant effect is seen in both dinner and dance gowns. It lends itself beautifully to the favoured fabrics and the high tones of the summer colours. Pastel tints, too, are used and also include charming combinations of colours.

Anna Q. Nilsson, who is always at the top of the mode in selecting her costumes, is seen wearing a particularly chic example of the quaint and appealing dinner gown in the First National film, "Lonesome Ladies." It is of slipper satin with a low round neck and a deep cape that does not extend beyond the shoulders. The skirt is narrow and is trimmed with hollyhocks in sequin of pastel shades. A rope of pink satin with long flowing lines is caught by a cluster of pearls. Sequins also are seen at the hems.

## SUMMER ACCESSORIES ARE VARIED IN THEIR APPEAL.

From the New Pocketbook to the Summer Fur Coat There Are Many Things to Intrigue the Shopper; Chic Lies in Small Things of Utmost Importance.



The flower that is bound to decorate so many shoulders is just one of the things to be remembered when shopping for the little things that will add such an important total in achieving summertime chic.

To remember that flower, it must be mentioned that it comes in all sizes, colours and materials. It is as apt to be a cluster of flowers with a springtime freshness of colouring, as it is to be a huge offering in gay-toned chiffons. The very small flower that is so tailored in its prim appeal has its own purpose. It belongs to the sports world and is not to be confused with the very large and ornate affair that adds interest to the afternoon and formal gown. Glaze effects are used. The kid flower is seen, organdie petals are popular, while satins and velvets still make their appearance.

Pocketbooks continue to be a source of interest. Black suedes are seen. Monogrammed suedes and soft kids are used in light tones. Shaded soutache braid, small patterned silk, crocheted straw and other novelty effects are used along with the cloth and silk bags that annually appear. The small, velvet envelope purse in brilliant colours is also seen, while the bag of brilliant continues to lead the field in evening pocketbooks.

Scarves that tie about the neck in such sportsmanlike effects continue both novel and interesting. Black and white foulards, with black and white border, tied and

knotted at one side and finished with a modernistic pin, are just one example of the scarves that will make colourful the summer season. Printed silks and chiffon scarves are worn. Vivid shades lend variety when contrasted to delicate floral patterns. Stripes, blocks and plaids are used in amusing designs. A really distinctive scarf for summer is the sheer lace or chiffon scarf that is so chic for evenings. It comes in all shades and sizes and is often smartly trimmed with lace ruffles or bands of contrasted colour and fabric.

Belts that will give such a smart touch to the sports ensembles are chosen with much discrimination. They come in all sorts of leathers and are often chosen for their buckles. Crystal buckles to match crystal buttons are very smart. Metal links are popular in the sports mode. The evening belt gives much opportunity to a distinctive buckle. They are very charmingly designed in jewels, engraved silver, jade, jet and rhinestone. Many chiffon dresses are made appealing by their smart belts and buckles.

Jewellery, as a whole, is a different thing in the summertime than in the formal winter months. Novelty jewels are worn with much effectiveness. The groups of bracelets in narrow and linking bands still appeal to the very young person, while a new bracelet—wide and studded with semi-precious stones and set in dull gold or silver—

has come to greet the new season. Ensemble jewellery is quite the vogue and there are many interesting things seen which lend a chic finish to the costume.

Hats and shoes, at the head and the foot of the mode, are very important. The small hat for sports and the large—very large—hat for dressier occasions and shoes of varied appeal for varied hours should be selected with an eye to the ensemble. Shoes are colourful in their summertime appeal. Often just a heel and strap of different colour will create a smart effect on the summer shoe.

Sweaters are very chic this year. There are stripes, all-over patterns and plain effects that are seen in all colours and in both light and heavy weights. The sweater costume is an important one in the summer girl's wardrobe.

Billie Dove, whose accessories are always selected with care, is seen in the First National film, "The Tender Hour," wearing an ensemble that includes many new items. A distinctly new and appealing parasol is contrasted to a sheared lamb fur coat, white sports hat and white hose and shoes.

## WHITE IS FAVOURED FOR THE FORMAL FROCK.

All Materials Are Used in Creating Dinner and Dance Costumes of Distinction in the All-White Mode.



Both youth and middle age will dance and dine in all white costumes if certain courtiers of Paris have their way. As a matter of fact, there are few colours more charming and suited to warm weather than all white. White is also attractive in all the fabrics that are seen in the summer mode. From the sheer chiffons, gauzy laces, clinging crepes, lustrous satins, picturesque taffetas and soft velvets, white gains an appeal that is hard to resist.

White, of course, has always been popular during summer months. It creates many of the most pleasing daytime ensembles and is always chosen for active sports. But this year it is gaining an even greater hold in its popularity for the formal affairs.

There are many interesting ways of bringing decorations to the all-white gown. It may be achieved by jewel embroidery, velvet applique, tulle scarves, lace-trimming, ostrich trimming, flowers of huge and varied appeal, sashes of extreme beauty and all sorts of embroidery.

The lines of the formal gown are greatly varied. There are types of form fitting slenderness which emphasize the beauty of fabric and line that are at once contrasted with the extremely

bouffant gown. The robe de style, of course, gives the greatest opportunity for variety. It is fascinating in all lace and equally distinguished in taffetas and satins. The tiered frock of white chiffon, net or lace is also a favoured gown. Apron effects in lace, embroidered tiers, panels, capes and scarfs are also seen in all sorts of odd treatments, while interesting things are done in gown jewellery such as embroidery necklaces and other forms of feminine adornment.

There is seen not much of the all-over paillette embroidery, silks having gained in popular appeal for that purpose. There are worn many chiffon gowns of white with no elaboration other than that afforded by their own intricate cut. Where jewel embroidery is used, the very formal gown is cut in the one-piece model with neither defined waistline nor belt to break its surface.

Natalie Kingston, in the First National motion picture "Framed," has selected an interesting and picturesque costume of all-white that is at the height of the summer mode. It is designed along unusual lines and has an extremely full and uneven skirt, a snug waist with a scarf effect at the neck and a silver flower at one shoulder. Contrary to many of the formal gowns, it possesses sleeves and they are both long and full.

## NOTES FROM PARIS.

Where To Buy The Inexpensive Dress.

Paris.—"Do tell me where I can get an inexpensive dress" is a question often heard round about holiday times in Paris when visitors come over for a few days and want to take back a souvenir of their visit. There are the big shops, very well supplied, but they wear their heart on their sleeve, so to speak. You meet your dress at every turn of the road when you get it from the big shops. To find something which is less popular and quite as attractive is not easy unless the city is well known to the visitor.

The first rule to observe when looking for something is not to judge the shops by mere outside appearances. The best dresses are not often put into the window and many a "cheap" looking shop holds treasures within. There are two shops in the poorer quarters of the city at which many ladies from the Faubourg St. Germain and the Parc Monceau buy their clothes. In them you find dresses and coats, skirts and jumpers, which are copies of models from first class dressmakers, not, perhaps, the models which they are actually selling, but which were sold by them three months earlier, or maybe less. The price of these models is ridiculously low. The style is good, so are the materials. To get them you have to struggle in a crowd, since the shops they come from are always full, dusty, and noisy. But it is in such places that the much looked for inexpensive dress is to be found and nowhere else.

Models Are Copied Well.

To be well served it is well to ask for a saleswoman and enlist her sympathies by telling her clearly what you want, what you can afford, and to be a little conversational. An appeal to her human side usually helps both you and her. She makes an effort to find what you want, and, together, you plan what alterations are possible, whether a dress in one colour and material can be copied in another. Yes, models are copied, well copied, and quickly. You have to help to wherever the materials live and must not expect her to carry them up to you in that far away fitting

room. If you want to see them by daylight you have to leave the dark shop altogether and go out on to the pavement, or at any rate to the door.

Passers-by watch you with interest. They think it quite natural to see you busy with your own business in the public street and may go so far as to offer advice. And then you, without your hat, dressed probably in the model dress you have chosen, walk back carrying the bale of material you like best, to the corner where you will be measured for the dress to be made in less than no time and for a price which the rue de la Paix with its great name, its running expenses, its original designing work to do, cannot think of, would deem impossible, be almost angry about. But you have your inexpensive dress.

Oddly enough, the inexpensive hat (if you want a hat that looks right) is harder to get than the inexpensive dress. A good hat has to be paid for. It is such a very individual thing to make. Only a good milliner, a milliner with a stroke of genius, knows just where to lower a crown or make it higher, twist a brim, cut it, bend it, where to put a feather, a flower, or a bow. It is better to buy an inexpensive dress and pay more for a hat than to reverse the order of buying. You can get a dress for Frs.500, but you will have to pay Frs.300 for your hat if you want it to look quite right and have that little something about it which lifts it out of the ordinary and suggests the grande maison. — London "Morning Post."

## POPULARITY OF PARQUET.

Parquet flooring is becoming more and more popular, not as the result of a craze, but because of its great merits. There is no more pleasing finish to a room, and parquet patterns are available now which harmonise with any period style. The desire to dance which possesses nearly everybody to-day has also had much to do with this increase in popularity of parquet. The cost compares favourably with that of carpets, and its lasting qualities make it a sound investment. Hampton's are leading specialists in parquet flooring. They will be pleased to submit estimates without obligation.



shades of Velvet petals, and finished with gold thread and ribbon. By Reeslaw, London.

## LONDON SEASON.

Fashion And The Dress Artist.

The London season begins this month, and fashion and the dress artists have already made beautiful provision for the dress needs alike of the debutantes, round whom so much of the gaiety revolves, and the matrons, whose time and energies are devoted to seeing that their daughters are well and truly launched on their social career.

The Popular Three-Piece.

Parties follow one another in such quick succession during May, June, and the early part of July that the resources of even the most amply stocked wardrobe are severely taxed. The business of being well-dressed is not so difficult as one might think, for in the ready-to-wear dress salons of Jay's (Limited), 243-253, Regent-street, W., one finds the most attractive evening, as well as day, frocks at prices carefully calculated to suit the owners of a moderate dress allowance.

Among the day frocks the three-piece toilettes are, perhaps, the most interesting at the moment, and each model is distinguished by the charm and chic that clings about a Paris gown. In some of the frocks, the sketch is an example, a dress of printed

crepe de chine is accompanied by a charmeline coat. In others a plain jumper and skirt are worn with a coat of printed crepe de chine. For example, a deep bronze pink jumper and skirt is worn in company with a printed crepe de chine coat showing a deep pink and black design against a pinkish fawn background, this colour being used to outline both jumper and skirt.

In an alternative scheme a one-piece frock of fancy brown, fawn, and white crepe de chine has a kilted panel carried half way round the figure, a single narrow kilted panel being attached also to the right shoulder at the back of the corsage. In this case the coat matches the dress.

Tennis Frocks.

Many good things come under the heading tennis frocks in the ready-to-wear department of Jay's (Limited), where spun silk, in a number of delightful colourings, made in Maclefield, are used to further fashion's ends.

Some of these outfits consist of a jumper and skirt; others, ingeniously devised to suggest the same idea, consist in reality of a long-sleeved dress and a sleeveless jumper to match. An arrangement that enables the owner to make one dress do the work of two—and yet fashion is accused of being an extravagant idea.



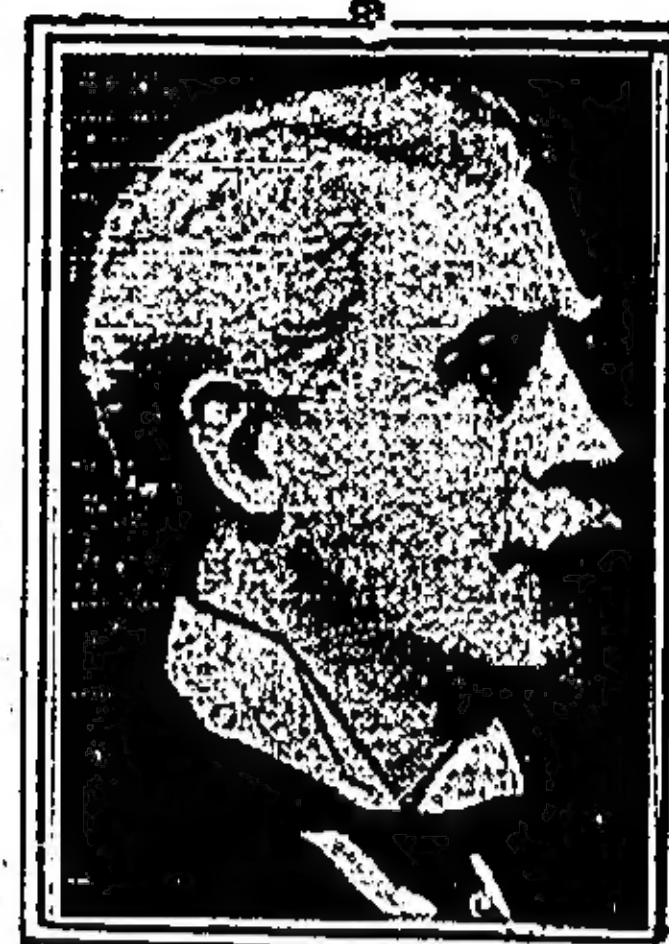
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THE ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL CUP FINAL. — W. Mercer (Huddersfield's goalkeeper) clears from a corner kick.—(Sport and General).



THE ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL CUP FINAL. — The greatest football festival of the year, played at Wembley, London, April 21. Record crowds rush to Wembley, the goal of the multitude. Blackburn Rovers (Lancashire) defeated Huddersfield (Yorkshire) by three goals to one, thus winning the Cup, the Blue Riband of the football world. Crowds of followers from Northern England swarmed into London to watch their favourites play. Picture shows H. Heafless (Rovers' captain) holding the Cup up to show the crowd as he leaves the field after the presentation.—(Sport and General).



NOT DEAD, BUT IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.—Sir Rennell Rodd, famous diplomat, whom this paper "killed" last week. Sir Rennell, who is in his 70th year, was British Ambassador to Italy from 1908 to 1919. He accompanied Lord Milner's Mission to Egypt in 1920, and in 1921 and 1923 was British delegate to the League of Nations. Sir Rennell Rodd lives in Cavendish-square, which is in the Marylebone division for which he sits.



THE ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL CUP FINAL.—One of the many mascots to be seen. "All for Blackburn Rovers."—(Sport and General).



SPEED KING.—Major H. O. D. Segrave, the famous English racing motorist. He was the first to attain 30 m.p.h. in motor boat racing.—Often mistaken for an American as he was born in the United States. Educated at Eton.



LADY EDWIND MOUNTBATTEN.—Wife of Lord Louis Mountbatten, Marquis of Milford Haven, formerly Prince Louis of Battenberg.



NOT SILENT NOW.—Commander Kenworthy, late of the "Silent Service" and now an energetic M.P. Prominent at question time.



PUBLICITY EXPERT.—Sir Charles Higham, one of the advertising chiefs of London and head of the Agency that bears his name.



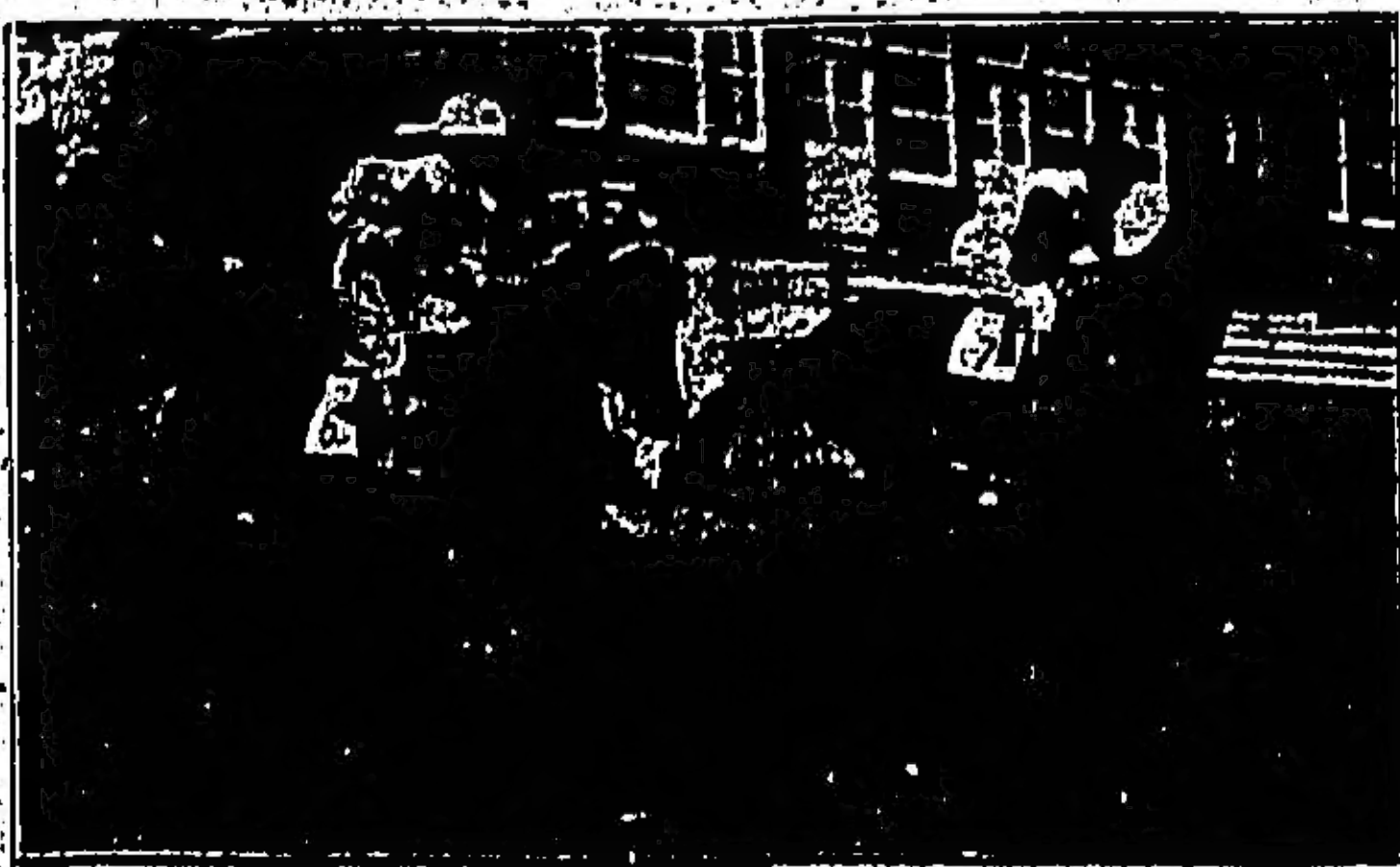
IN THE FASHION.—The Illustrated Press has been featuring Mr. Lloyd George seated beside his daughter Megan. Here is another politician in similar pose—Mr. Ramsay MacDonald and daughter.



BEFORE THE FATAL FLIGHT.—Miss Edie Mackay snatched just before accompanying Capt. Hinchliffe on the mystery flight from which neither returned.



THE ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL CUP FINAL. — Smith (Huddersfield) breaks through, beating Hutton (B. Rovers' back) (L.).—(Sport and General).



RACING AT LINGFIELD PARK, SURREY, APRIL 21.—The Lingfield Park Stakes. The winner, Lord Dewar's "Sunny Trade" (C. Richards up), No. 6, and Mr. Ayton's "Maer Jills" (Wragg up) No. 7, going to the post. Both horses were candidates for the Derby.—(Sport and General).



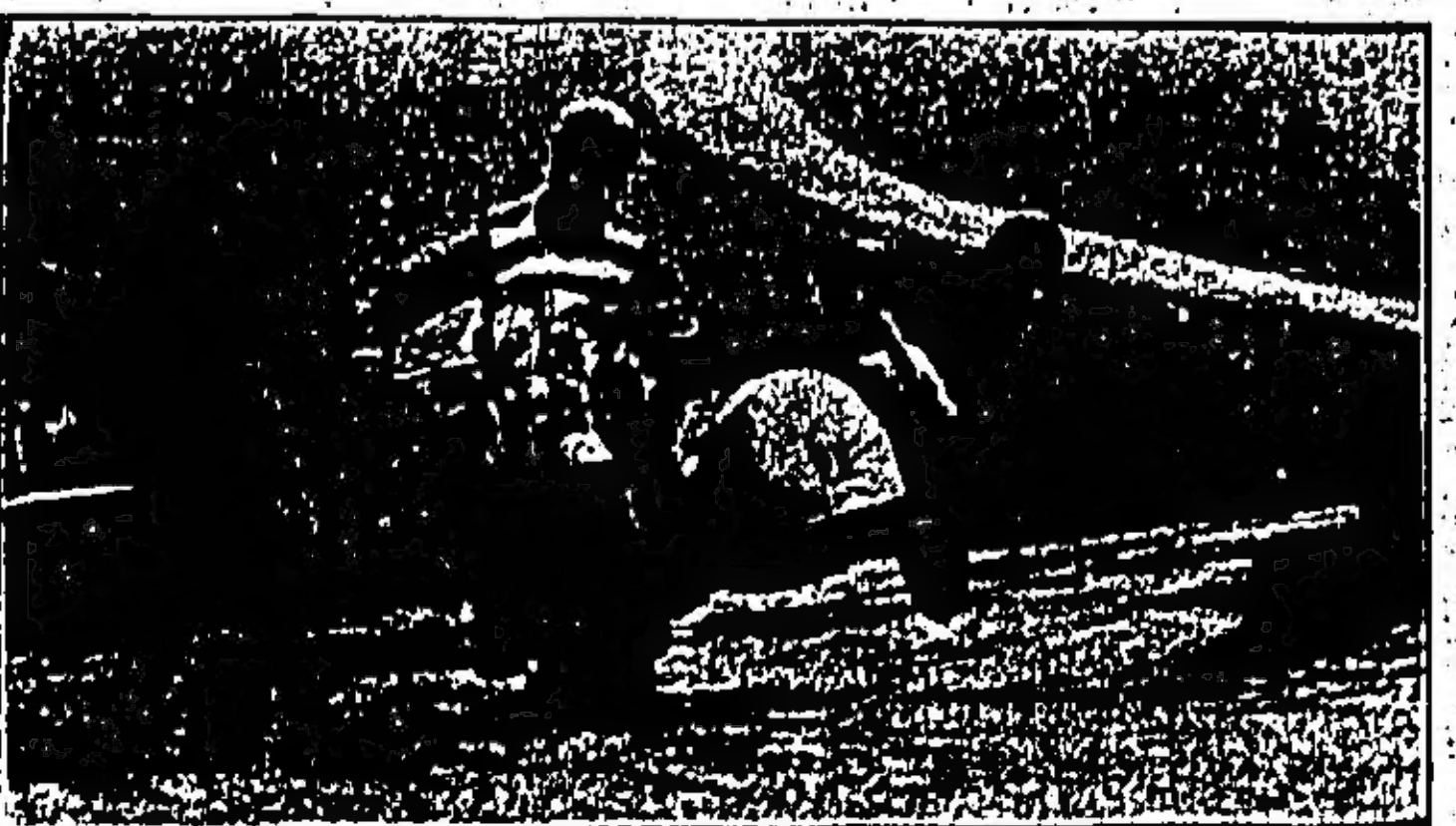
AN OLD CONTEMPTIBLE.—A familiar figure has passed in the death from heart disease on March 11th. of ex-Guardsman D. Ryan, the elevator attendant at the European Head Office of the Canadian Pacific in Trafalgar Square, London, England. Ryan saw service in South Africa with the 18th Royal Irish Regt. and later transferred to the 1st Irish Guard.



A DOOR SCOT.—Mr. David Kirkwood, Labour M.P. for Dumbarton.



POPULAR "JOHN."—Mr. John McCormack, the Irish-born singer who became a naturalised American just after the War. His wife and daughter are shown with him.

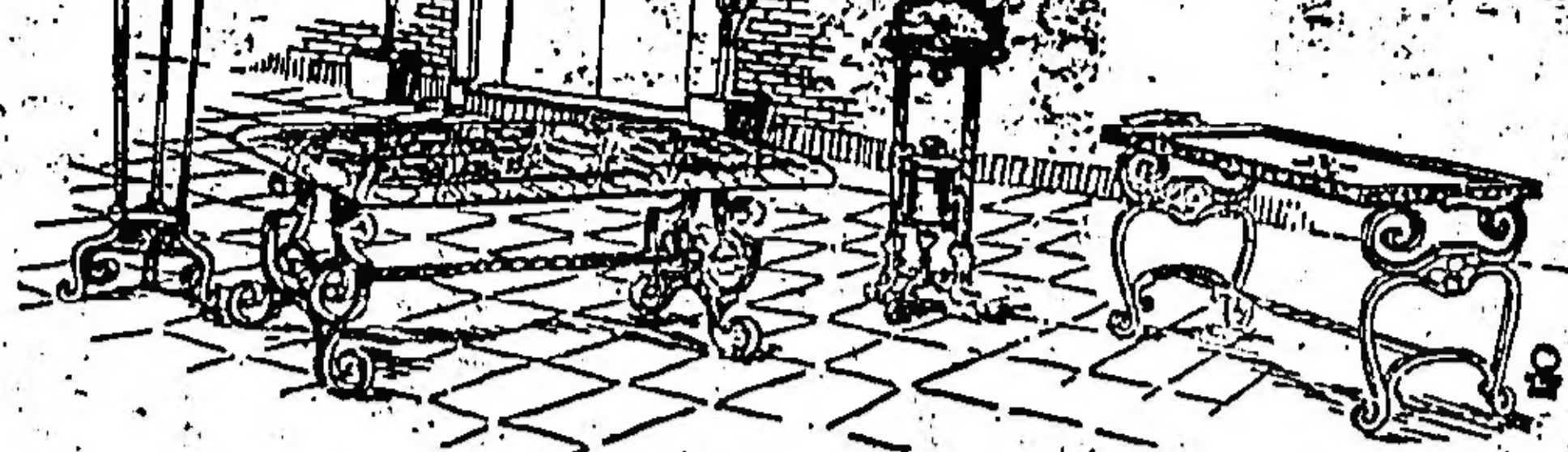


THRILLING SPORT FOR MOTOR CYCLISTS.—The motor cycle road racing event at the Crystal Palace, London, April 21, attracted a great crowd. Picture shows F. R. Brackpool (250 Matchless and sidecar) taking the Maze Hill Hairpin Bend. The passenger's efforts did not keep the wheel on the ground.—(Sport and General).



## Picturesque Wrought Iron

By Marjorie Howe Dixon



Richardson Wright says, in "Flowers and Heaven," "To the eastward, set like a trap to catch the sunrise, will be a wide terrace with the blue sky for roof, and lanterns stolen from many churches giving it light, and easy chairs from the heathen Chinese, and the merry Italian rubbing elbows side by side." As an introduction he starts with this: "Every man, of course, has a right to his own conception of heaven."

A garden, a terrace, easy chairs, the blue sky for roof would go a long way toward any one's conception of heaven. He goes on to include all the books one has wanted to read and has never had time for. And now to make the conception a bit wider to include the card lovers, we ought to add a heavenly bridge table and chairs to match.

Then if you must be practical you will want to set about bringing this bit of heaven into your own immediate realisation.

### An Inviting Terrace.

Let us suppose you have the

first premise, a terrace open to the sky facing east to catch the sunrise. The lanterns of wrought iron perhaps might better be purchased instead of stolen as Mr. Wright suggests. We for one do not see how he can get away with that in heaven. You see the ghosts of all the outraged sextons of all the churches might come and haunt your terrace on a moonlight evening if you followed his plan.

If there is to be breakfast on your heavenly terrace, then we must provide a table and chairs for such an occasion. There are graceful chairs with straight backs and cushioned seats and tables of every type. A glass top is a happy idea that is used for many of them. Coffee tables slightly lower in height have a removable tray with black glass centre or one may have a top made of tiles. The tiles can be removed and reversed to form different patterns.

Ten on the terrace is something to dream over. The men folks will want to smoke so one must provide smoking stands for them. Wrought iron stands that can be

picked up with convenient handles have removable trays of glass or pottery.

### Wrought Iron Furniture.

A love seat in wrought iron is a pretty piece for one's terrace. Its seat may be upholstered or it may be made of straps of iron. Then of course there is the folding card table with its frame of steel and its centre of simulated leather. Folding chairs of iron have leatherette seats and cushions, so that by the light of the lanterns, cards may continue until the moon sets.

The new card tables have a convenient little rack in which to stand when folded. When brought indoors on that inevitable cool evening when a fire must be built in the fireplace, the table may serve as a fire screen. Indoors one may be glad to have a comfortable fireside bench of wrought iron.

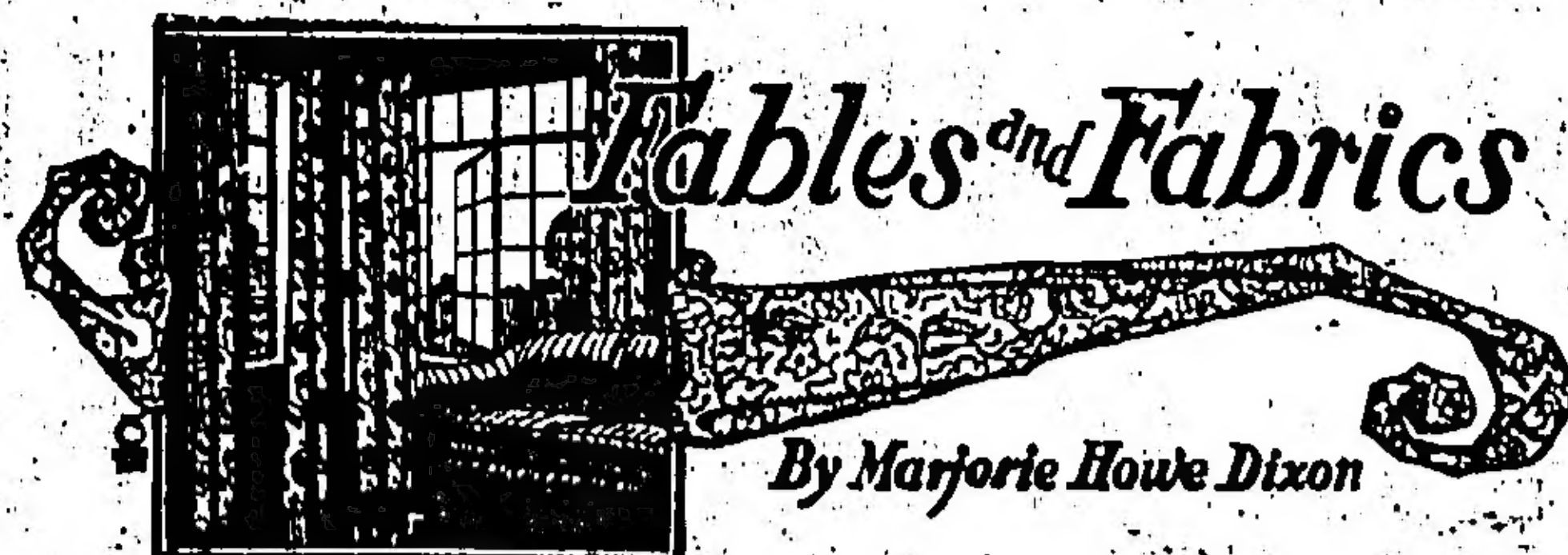
Wrought iron gates, balcony railings, and stair railings have had more attention of late. Designs for gates to be used in Italian and Spanish interiors have brought forth much beauty in workmanship.



AT THE STAR during the week. Francis McDonald and Edna Murphy in "The Valley of Hell."



PRETTY MARION DAVIES in "Tillie the Toiler," shown at the Queen's last week.



By Marjorie Howe Dixon

In a quaint little book of "Select Fables for Good Boys and Girls" are a number of stories each with a "Reflection" attached, often longer than the tale itself. Perhaps "reflection" was a simple disguise for "moral," a most unpalatable sort of thing to attach to a story.

The pleasant thing about fables is that though they tell a tale, and many times illustrate an elaborate and intricate symbolism, they seldom adorn their narratives with morals,—is not this a very great wisdom?

### Fables in Symbolical Designs.

For instance a square of tapestry shows a vigorous and active bird in the centre, clouds above and waves below and a top piece overhanging with five characters evenly spaced. The central design is the Ho-Ho bird, a symbol of the Empress. The five characters are the cardinal virtues, and the colours themselves, red, azure, yellow, black and white represent uprightness, humanity, virtue, honesty and sincerity.

A dragon on a Chinese coat must have the proper number of toes to indicate whether he is just the common garden variety, or an Imperial Dragon. Everyone is familiar with the beautiful Tree of Life of East India prints.

That stories in fables are fables indeed, may be illustrated by a Napoleon toile de jousy showing the siege of Egypt. War is a pretty and picturesque performance if one is to believe this de-

sign. Napoleon had an easy time of it. In one place surrounded by his generals, he is receiving Egypt, a lady with trailing robes and proper object expression of defeat. In another a group of men are bowing to him as conqueror, while an angel floats above him about to drop a crown of laurel on his cocked hat. In another group the angel is accompanying him while several people of English peasant type kneel to do him homage. A few pyramids are scattered about so that you can be sure of the country in question. This pattern would take its place nicely and quite in keeping with the spirit of a Directoire room.

### Fabrics for a Variety of Uses.

Among the patterned materials always good are the chintzes and hand blocked linens, while mohair is receiving more attention with new patterns resembling chintz in sunfast colours in broad stripes, checks, and flower designs.

Satin too comes in broad stripes for upholstery and drapery fabrics. Crash may be desired for some places, where a heavier striped material is necessary. Denim, rep, and monks cloth are among the sturdier types of materials to withstand wear.

Curtain materials of lighter weights to let in the light are made under many names. Grenadine, voile, casement cloth and shimmering gauze are some of these. Voile has a lovely soft quality to it and is being developed in broad stripes and gay pat-

terns. There is something delightfully fresh and simple about it.

Taffeta is always popular among the plain materials,—and taffeta rep, too, is being furnished.

With so many kinds of materials from which to select, the problem becomes most interesting. Because the way you will hang your drapes or arrange your slip covers has still to be decided.

Spring always brings with it the desire to freshen things up and to get away from the wools and velvets that seem so comfortable in winter. Slip covers are the solution as far as furniture is concerned. It is not necessary to have all the pieces covered to match. In fact if you use a large gay pattern on a winged chair, it would be too much to cover the davenport with it. A striped material on the davenport would seem more satisfactory.

### An Unusual Window Treatment.

A room in the modern art style offers much opportunity for one's imagination when it comes to choice and arrangement of drapes. The keynote of the new things seems to be simplicity and the pattern of masses, in geometric forms against each other. Thus a divan with its odd shape must be covered with a plain material drawn smoothly over it.

On the curtain drapes, you may use folds of materials and obtain from them definite rhythm. Loops and swags of drapery do not seem right. In one room taffeta was used effectively.



1. The Trans-Canada special train takes the tourists across the Dominion by one route and back by another. 2. The scenery at Banff, enjoyed by the traveller, is among the most beautiful on the continent. 3. The trees in Stanley Park, Vancouver, were growing before Columbus discovered America. 4. One of the C.P.R.'s most powerful locomotives, used for transcontinental traffic. 5. "Woolly Waterhens" leading a wild life.



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"THE DOVE."—Norma Talmadge and her new leading man, Gilbert Roland. Note the "others."

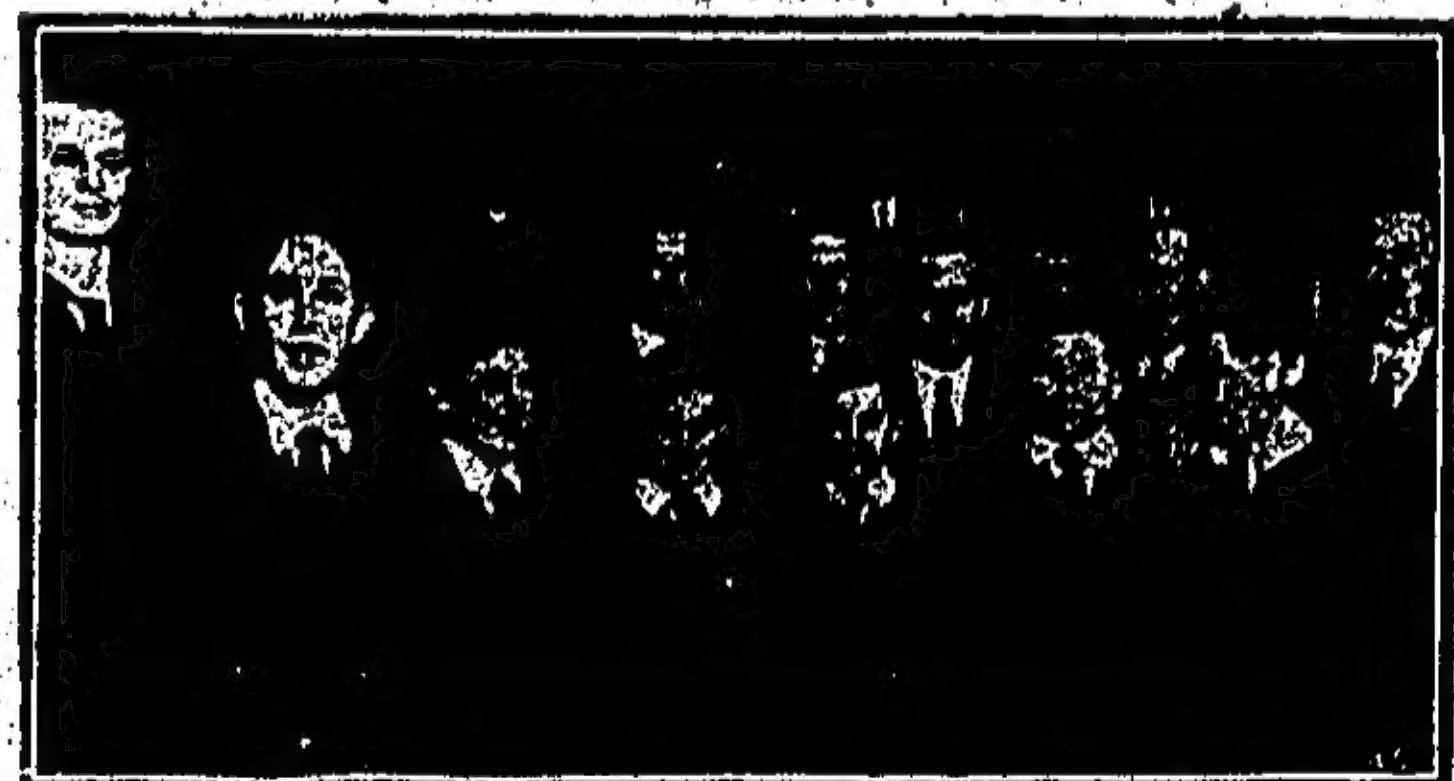


MADGE AND LAWRENCE, who is one of the lads who preferred the ankles. This bright pair are appearing in a screen hit in Hong Kong, "Ankles Preferred." This has been described as one of the "snappiest" comedies ever put on the Silver Screen.

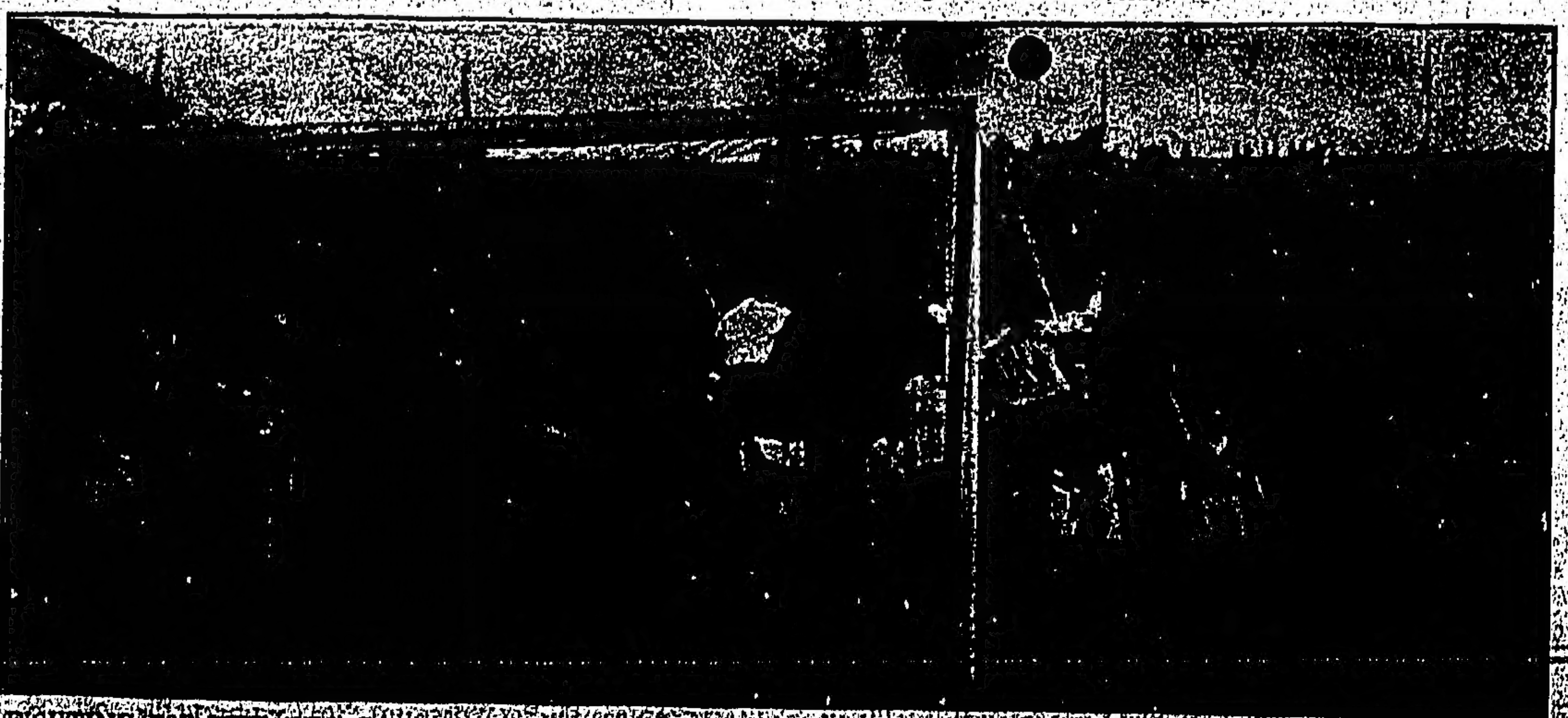


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EMPIRE SINGERS ENTHRALL.—Singing a repertoire that includes over one hundred pieces of part-music, with both sacred and secular music, the Westminster Glee Singers are now engaged in a tour of Canada that will be a delight to music-lovers.



FIGHTING FOR THE CUP.—Scene during the classic match at Wembley when Blackburn Rovers annexed the English Association Football Cup last month. A scramble in the goalmouth for a "high" ball. (Sport and General).

### EAST WILL MEET WEST.

So successful and popular have the trans-continental expeditions of past years proven and so excellent have the results been proclaimed, that this summer the Fifth Annual "Across Canada and Back" tour, promoted by Dean Sinclair Laird of Macdonald College, Ste. Anne de Bellevue, P.Q., over the lines of the Canadian Pacific Railway, will be undertaken this year. It has been announced by the C.P.R. offices in Montreal.

This tour leaves Toronto on July 23 by special train, travelling west via Sudbury, Port Arthur, Winnipeg, Indian Head, Moose Jaw, Calgary, Banff, Windermere, Nelson, Penticton, Vancouver, and Victoria; and returning east by Emerald Lake, Yoho Valley, Lake Louise, Edmonton, Saskatoon, Winnipeg, and down the Great Lakes by steamer from Fort William past Sault Ste. Marie to Port McNicholl, and thence by rail to Toronto.

### Of Educational Value.

Although the traveller is interested chiefly in the attractions of the tour such as scenery,

"sights" and novel experiences en route, the educational phases is one highly considered by its promoters. The bulk of the minor difficulties and differences that arise within the Dominion are the result of lack of mutual understanding by the various component parts of the country in the problems of the others. Mutual understanding and appreciation can only be achieved by interest and knowledge, and these are best acquired by travel and personal visits to the other parts of Canada and intercourse with one's neighbours.

Passengers on board the C.P.R. special "Across Canada and Back" train will not only enjoy the glories of western scenery, the invigorating breezes of the Pacific, and the delightful voyage down the Great Lakes; but they will also become acquainted with the life of their Western compatriots. As they pass through the country they will see the industrial and agricultural activities in progress, and enjoy Western hospitality as well as scenery.

Under the leadership of one of the most prominent and popular

educationalists in Eastern Canada, Dean Sinclair Laird of Macdonald College, and composed chiefly of travellers from Eastern Canada, the visit will accomplish much in the way of furthering common knowledge and making the Easterner better acquainted with the Westerner, and vice versa.

### Motoring Included.

The twenty-one day tour will give the tourists participating a comprehensive and attractive view of the west. Arrangements have been made to break the journey in many interesting ways. Motor drives will be taken between Banff and Windermere over the famous 104 mile highway, along the new "Great Divide Highway" from Field, B.C., via Emerald Lake, and the Yoho Valley and Wapta Bungalow Camp and through the quaint Duhobor country and the fertile Okanagan valley.

Steamships will not only be taken down the Great Lakes, but also on Kootenay Lake, and across the Straits of Georgia, between Vancouver and Victoria, on the Pacific coast.

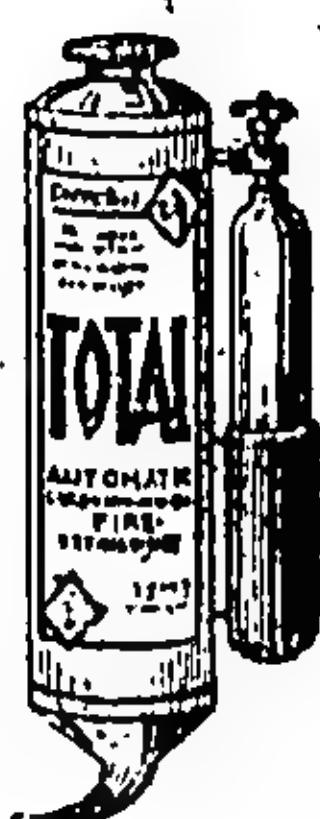






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## LOCAL AND GENERAL SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Tyne coal shipments for the first quarter of this year were 3,895,946 tons—nearly 300,000 tons less than in the corresponding period last year.

Mr. Addison, the recently-appointed British Minister to Latvia, has presented his letters of credence to the President of the Republic.

Two sisters, Dorothy Hall, 18, and Elsie Hall, 11, who have been missing from their home in Munster-road, Fulham, S.W., for a week were found in a hostel at Brighton.

M. Ambrosini, the Maître de Ballet of the Brussels Opera House, will direct the ballet in "Armida" and the Baobanate in "Tappanau" at the Covent Garden Opera House.

The mountainous part of the Crimean Peninsula has been swept by a violent storm which has destroyed houses in many villages. Crops have been ruined and orchards damaged.

A telegram from Struma on the Serbo-Albanian frontier states that travellers are not being allowed to enter Albania on the ground that epidemic of typhus is raging there. Similarly no one is being allowed to leave Albania.

H.E. the Officer Administering the Government has received instructions from Home to recognise Mr. L. de Dionigi as Vice-Consul for Italy; and he has provisionally recognised Mr. J. G. Ch. Gonzalez de Bernedo as honorary Consul for Guatemala.

The Nationalist Government Council has appropriated \$10,000 for the immediate purchase of a set of a high power wireless telephone machinery for the purpose of spreading government and military news throughout the country.

Bombay, May 10.—The Bombay Corporation have rejected, by 26 votes to 22, the resolution proposing that a sum not exceeding Rs. 100,000 be spent on the relief of the mill strikers by employing them for cleansing the city and filling in low-lying parts.

A telegram received in Brussels by the Ministry for the Colonies from the Governor-General of the Congo states that the suspected case of yellow fever on board a British steamer at Matadi has not been confirmed. Drastic precautions, however, continue to be taken in the Lower Congo.

As a religious procession was passing the Church of St. Isidore, Salamanca, a huge bell of the carillon, which was in full peal, crashed to the ground, falling in the midst of a number of girls accompanying the procession. Three of the girls were killed and a number of others injured.

According to official returns from Mozambique the movement of natives from that colony to the Transvaal during the last quarter of last year was as follows: Fresh natives contracted for, 18,419; repatriated, 10,633; died from sickness, 63; died from accidents, 65; number remaining working in the mines on Dec. 31 last, 114,248.

Simla, May 1.—The Punjab Legislative Council to-day talked out the adjournment motion of Mr. Chaudhri Afzal Haq questioning the sudden release of K. C. Banerjee, the alleged C.I.D. informer who was sentenced to five years' imprisonment in July, 1922, for possessing a pistol without a licence and for fostering criminal conspiracies in the Punjab. Sir Geoffrey de Montmorency, on behalf of the Government, said that enquiries made in the United Provinces showed that Banerjee had given useful information to the Meerut Police and had assisted in the prevention and detection of crime. Government therefore had remitted his remaining term of imprisonment, of which a few months had been served.

Constantinople.—Another striking reform is foreshadowed by the decision of the Commission on the General Registry to submit a bill to the assembly compelling all Turks to adopt family names. An exclusive message, dated London, April 26, read as follows:—Constantinople.—A group of deputies will shortly submit to the Turkish National Assembly a motion for the adoption of Arab numerals, as used in Western Europe, instead of the ciphers at present used in Turkey. Both the Turkish and European ciphers are of Arab origin, but while the latter have evolved into the present-day numerals, the Turkish have retained their original shape, causing much confusion and error. This proposed reform is generally regarded as the first step towards the adoption of European characters for writing.

A commission in the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps has been given to Lieut. R. K. Valentine who now becomes 2nd Lieut.

The King and Queen walked from Windsor Castle to St. George Chapel, where they inspected the work of restoration in the nave.

London, May 7.—It is learnt that Mr. J. J. Wall, well-known Colombo business man, was taken ill while playing golf at 'Bushey, England, on Saturday, and died soon after without recovering consciousness.



Master Jay Ward, the six-year-old mascot of the American Legion on their convention trip to Paris, France, leaving the White House after being greeted by President Coolidge. Young Ward was elected as "the typical American boy" and while in Europe won the enthusiastic admiration and was cordially greeted as a fitting representative of America's future marked by the rulers and noted persons of the countries he visited.

The use of two tennis courts on the Shanghai Recreation Ground at the Race Course has been granted to the Y.M.C.A. The arrangements for membership in the club will be the same as last year: Y.W.C.A. members \$9 for the season, and non-members \$11. Play will begin as soon as the courts can be put in order. Registrations are now being received at the Club Rooms, 4 Museum Road.



Bert Hinkler, whose record-breaking 12,000 mile flight from England to Australia, has been called the greatest aviation achievement since Lindbergh's. He broke two air records in his tiny folding plane, which can be fitted into an ordinary garage. First, his England to Australia hop is the greatest distance ever flown in a light plane; second, it is the longest solo flight; third, the fastest trip, bettering the old record by 13 days; fourth, he made the fastest flight between England and India; and fifth, the first non-stop flight between London and Rome. The 15-day flight cost only a little over \$250.

"Orford," a vessel of 20,000 tons, just added to the Orient Line fleet, was recently crossing the Bay of Biscay conveying 450 passengers on the first of a series of Mediterranean cruises. Crete, Egypt, and Greece, the cradles of early civilization, are to be visited, and it is fitting that all that is luxurious and comfortable in modern ship construction should thus be linked with the past. In October the vessel will be placed in the mail and passenger service between England and Australia, and as the third-class fares will be as low as \$38, it is thus true to say that luxury is placed at the disposal of the traveller for 13d. a mile. Moreover, this includes meals for the six weeks' journey. This addition to the Orient Line has cost a million pounds, has engines of 20,000 h.p., attains a speed of 20 knots, and with a crew of 460, has accommodation for 525 first class and 1,104 third-class passengers, and also space for 750 tons of cargo.

A safe found in Market-street, Bermondsey, S.E., has been identified as one stolen from the Rialto Cinema, Maidenhead, on Easter Monday.

The body of a baby boy, aged about 2 weeks, was found in a brown paper parcel at the foot of the Holborn Viaduct steps in Farringdon-road, E.C.

Miss Lilian Davies is to have the leading woman's part in "Marjolaine," a new musical play which goes into rehearsal for provincial production before presentation in London.

A Shanghai hawk who was found in possession of four Mauser pistols in Seward Road was sentenced by Judge Tseng in the Provisional Court, to one year and two months' imprisonment.

Thirteen Chinese girls were charged by Insp. Mills at the Shanghai Provisional Court last Saturday with loitering in the vicinity of Nanking Road and Chekiang Road until early morning. Accused were fined \$1 each and cautioned.

London—"The Times" (London) in a leading article on the future of the Indian States, concludes:—"The prospect of change is likely to stimulate a demand for some more effective method of representation and the problem of the constitutional position of the States in a changed India is not one which can be played with or continually postponed for future consideration, even if the Prince are not unanimous."

A Chinese woman who escaped from custody while in hospital after being sentenced to two years' imprisonment appeared at the Shanghai Provisional Court, having been re-arrested by a female detective. It was stated that she was sentenced for aiding and abetting in a case of misappropriation. She formerly had a year and a quarter of her sentence to serve, and as a result of her break the Court sentenced her to an additional six months.

Aerial conveyance of fresh sea-breams caught in the sea of Imaharu, Shikoku, to the fishmongers and restaurants of Osaka and other neighbouring cities and towns is planned by the authorities of the Nihon Koku Yuso Kaisha, Ohama, Sakai, who have succeeded in conveying men between Sakai and Osaka. After a trial flight, the authorities of the company declare that the citizens will taste the fresh fish about two hours after they are caught in the nets of the Imaharu fishermen.

Big rainfall, and possibly a flood, may be in store for Tientsin this year, said Mr. S. Ellissen, of the Commission for the Improvement of the River System of Chihli, in a talk on climate and weather at the tiffin meeting of the Rotary Club at the Astor House on May 10. Sunspots have a lot to do with rainfall, said Mr. Ellissen, and big sunspots bring big rainfall. Mr. Ellissen cited as examples the rainfall of 1922 and 1924 in Tientsin, when the sunspots were unusually big. This year, the spots are again large, and it is possible that there will be enough rain to cause the river to overflow.

The seafaring community, especially in Hong Kong, will regret to hear of the impending retirement of Mr. John Andrews, chief engineer of the str. "Lycemoon," the recently acquired vessel of the Wo Fat Co. Mr. Andrews has been on the China Coast for the past 38 years and was the last manager of Messrs. Geo. Fenwick & Co. As a former Lieutenant in the Volunteers he will be remembered by a large number of the old-timers in Hong Kong. The retiring officer will take up residence in Aberdeen, Scotland, where his wife and family now reside. His appointment in the str. "Lycemoon" has been taken up by Mr. J. Hayes, formerly second engineer of the vessel.—"N. C. Daily News."

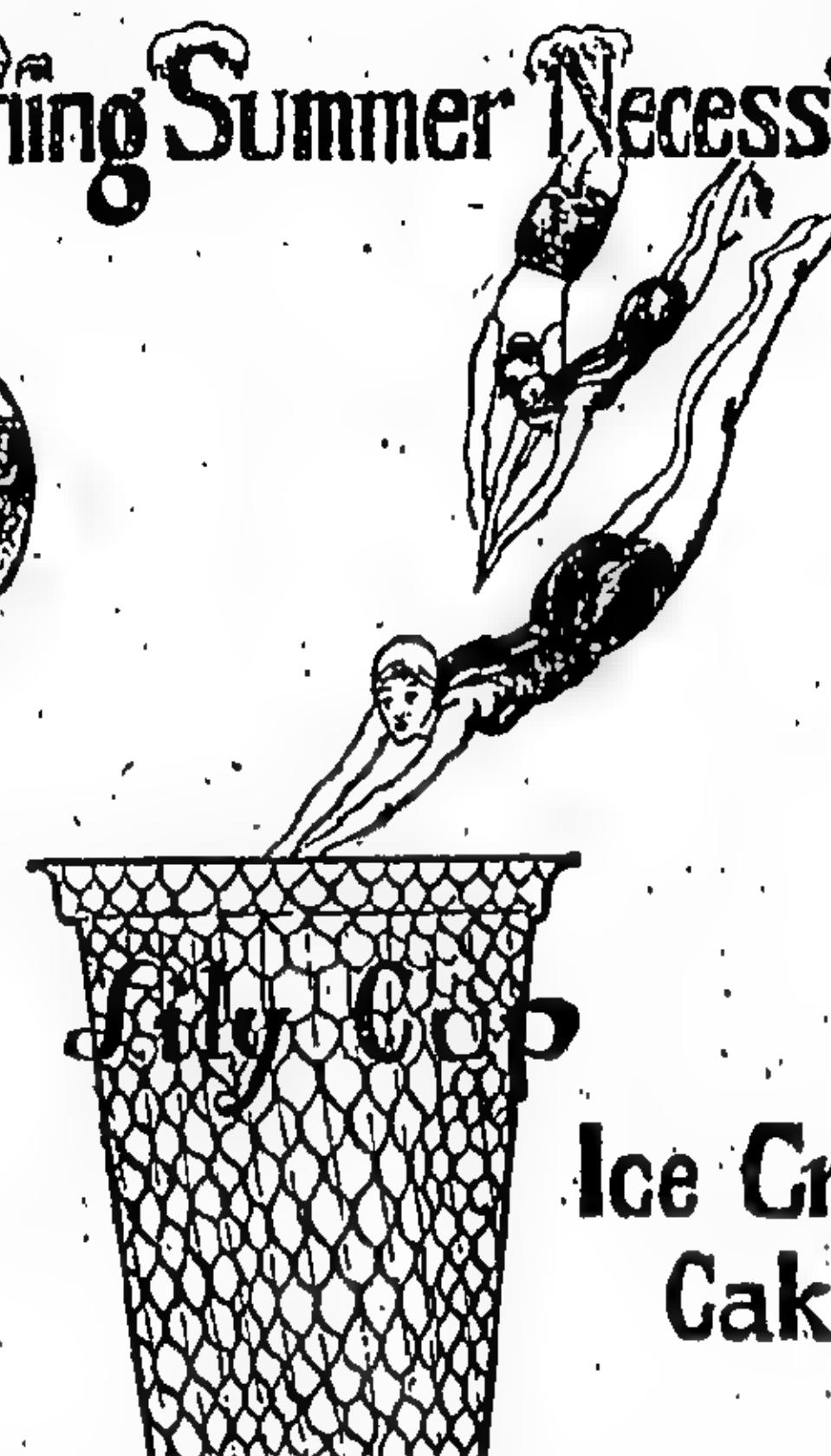
The "Japan Times" says that a naked man covered with blood fell into the police office recently at Futamata, near the Tenryu River. He turned out to be Suzuki Mikio, 23 years old, employed at a wholesale merchant's store in Osaka. He determined to die, and tried to commit "hara-kiri" with a foreign razor, but was not very successful so he slashed his throat. Still he did not die, so he then set fire to his clothes, but was found by some passers by and the flames were put out. At last, in desperation he jumped into the waters of the Tenryu River from a bank some 20 feet high. Still he did not drown, and the cold waters tended to bring him to his senses. He crawled out and went to the police station seeking help. He gave no reason for his wishing to die, but seemed to have got over his mad desire for the time being, at least.

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# Sport Columns

## HOME CRICKET.

### KENT AND MIDDLESEX WIN.

#### A DOUBLE CENTURY.

London, Yesterday.

At Northampton Northants took first innings, points from York-shire.

Northants scored 164, Rhodes taking five for 37; and 50 for three.

Yorkshire made 149, Thomas taking five for 41.

At the Oval the game between Surrey and Sussex was drawn.

Sussex made 139 for four declared.

Surrey scored 82 for two. The match does not count in the Championship.

Oxford drew with Derbyshire.

Derby scored 294.

Oxford made 149, Lee taking five for 42, and following on, 123 for four.

At Worcester Middlesex defeated the home County by an innings and 85.

Worcester made 225 and 176.

Middlesex scored 435 for seven declared (Hendren 101 not out, Lee 143).

At Gloucester Kent beat the home County by an innings and 66.

Gloucester scored 174 and 239.

Kent made 479 for six declared (Hardinge 263 not out, Woolley 107).

At Cambridge Notts beat the University by seven wickets.

Cambridge scored 117, S. Staples taking seven for 44; and 106, Staples again taking five for 37.

Notts made 139, Blundell taking six for 51, and 55 for three—Reuter.

## AMATEUR GOLF.

### PERKINS AND WETHERED IN FINAL.

Prestwick, Yesterday.

In the semi-finals Perkins beat Tulloch 6 and 5 and Wethered beat Tipping 4 and 3—Reuter.

Sixth Round.

T. Perkins (Castle Bromwich) beat N. Dickson (Glasgow) by 4 and 2.

E. Tipping (Ashdown Forest) beat J. Lang by 6 and 5.

D. Tulloch (Cathkin brass) beat A. McCullum at the 20th.

R. H. Wethered beat Beaumont Pease at the 21st—Reuter.

## CHARITY GOLF.

### HAGEN DEFEATS FRED ROBSON.

Richmond, Yesterday.

In an 18 holes golf charity match Walter Hagen beat Fred Robson (Cooden Beach) two and one—Reuter.

## LOCAL GOLF.

### HOLIDAY STARTING TIMES.

9.24 a.m.	E. C. Frederick, J. Cameron.
9.28 ..	A. D. Humphreys, T. G. Weall.
9.32 ..	T. L. Christie, K. S. Morrison.
9.36 ..	G. E. Ellams, G. H. Bell.
9.40 ..	E. D. Lawrence, R. Young.
9.44 ..	R. K. Valentine, L. G. S. Dodwell.
9.48 ..	P. J. Wodehouse, E. R. Hallifax.
9.24 a.m.	W. K. Tait, E. N. Monie.
9.28 ..	D. Forbes, G. H. Bell.
9.32 ..	E. C. Frederick, J. Cameron.
9.36 ..	J. M. Walker, E. D. Lawrence.
9.40 ..	T. L. Christie, A. E. Lissman.
9.44 ..	J. S. McEachran, D. J. Gilmore.
9.48 ..	K. S. Morrison, E. R. Hallifax.

### V.R.C. "AT HOME"

The Victoria Recreation Club is holding an "At Home" for members and friends to-night, commencing at 9 p.m., when there will be some swimming events to be followed by dancing.

The swimming events will include a 50 yards handicap race, a diving competition and a water polo match between sides chosen from members of the Club.

While the diving competition has so far not received much support, the 50 yards race had up to last night attracted eight entries, and keen competition is anticipated.

Members who have put their names down for this event are: W. Howard, J. A. Victor, J. Stewart, E. Zimmerman, D. Lyon, L. Roza Pereira, F. M. da Silva and A. E. Carvalho.

## OLYMPIC GAMES.

### ARTICLES BY FRED W. PARKER.

#### TRACK SAMPLING.

In continuing the history of the Olympic Games, Mr. Fred W. Parker, tells how Baron de Coubertin visualised the revival and played a leading part in its establishment.

He also explains why Athens was entitled to be the first place for the initial modern Olympiad.

We owe the revival of the ancient Olympic Games to the vision, energy and perseverance of Baron Pierre de Coubertin. For many years he had taken the leading part in encouraging the cultivation of sporting activities in his native country, and in advocating the interchange of visits of athletes in every branch of sport, from abroad.

As he stood contemplating the rediscovered site of the stadium of ancient Olympia at Athens, there came to Baron de Coubertin a vision of the past glories of ancient Greece; of the time when the long tiers of marble terraces, of which he now beheld the ruins, were thronged with excited on-lookers as they watched the greatest athletes of their day contending for the victor's olive wreath.

Forty thousand spectators could be seated around the arena in those almost prehistoric days. Here, surely, was the mainspring of Greece's greatness in the past.

Then came the instant thought: Why should not the past glories be incarnated? Why not revive these long-forgotten contests in such a way as to draw together in friendly rivalry the virile manhood of the whole world? It was a stupendous thought!

To think was to act. In November, 1892, the Baron first mooted the idea publicly.

"Let us attempt to realise upon a basis suitable to the conditions of our modern life the splendid and beneficent task of reviving the Olympic Games," he said.

Conflicting Regulations.

There followed a circular letter to all foreign athletic associations, wherein the Baron invited co-operation in the task of reviving the Games "so that every four years the athletic representatives of the world may be brought together and the spirit of international comity may be advanced by the celebration of their chivalrous and peaceful contests."

A far-seeing man was Pierre de Coubertin. The necessity for a clear understanding as to the status of Olympic competitors had not escaped him. That same circular letter contained the following illuminating passages:

"Imperfect humanity has ever tended to transform the Olympic athletic into the paid gladiator. But the two things are incompatible. We must choose between the one formula and the other. Reform is necessary and must be discussed. . . . There are compromises, and there are contradictions in the amateur regulations."

Those contradictions are still in evidence. So far from closing the rift in the lute thus clearly foreshadowed there is evidence of a recent desire to widen it.

After visiting America, Baron de Coubertin came to London in pursuit of his great object. There he was warmly welcomed. The late King Edward—then Prince of Wales—Lord Balfour, and the late Sir John Astley, were among those who received him, and gave hearty support.

At the first congress, held at Sorbonne, in June, 1894, the revival of the Olympic Games was decided upon unanimously. Thus, exactly fifteen hundred years after they had been abolished, the Olympic Games were reborn.

The question as to where the first of the Games should be held was quickly settled. Sweden had been early in the field in claiming them for Stockholm, but the "Father" of the revival was on sure ground in suggesting Athens as the one city to stage most fittingly the initial celebration.

It was a proposition that admitted of no opposition, and preparations for restoring the site of the original stadium were put in hand.

Cheque For £42,000!

The reconstruction of the huge stadium in its pristine beauty of pure white marble was a costly affair. It was made possible by the munificence of one M. Averoff, of Alexandria, who contributed a million drachmas—nearly £42,000. A cheque of that description would leave Lord Rochdale, the British Olympic Association leader, with no anxiety as to the success of his appeal.

It was significant of the grip

## PROFITEERS.

### 2s. FINAL TICKETS SOLD FOR 10s.

#### COMMONS QUESTION.

Despite every precaution there is widespread profiteering in tickets for the Football Association Cup Final at Wembley. Tickets have been sold at 400 per cent. profit.

A reader of "The Daily Mail," writing from Hastings regarding tickets advertised for sale in a Huddersfield paper, encloses a note she received. This was written on the letter paper of a firm of printers in the West End of London and stated: The tickets are 2s. ones; price 10s. each. You can have as many as you desire. Inform your friends. Send at once as all are going fast.

"Tickets Going Fast."

Another reader, writing from Wood Hey, Rock Ferry, Cheshire, encloses an advertisement inserted in a Lancashire paper by the same firm of London printers. In response to a telegram the reader received the reply: "Quantity 2s. tickets, 10s. each." This was followed by a postcard stating: "Just got hold of a number of guinea tickets, price two guineas, subject to being unsold on reply. The 2s. tickets at 10s. each are going fast. Do not be too late if you require any."

"The Daily Mail" understands that the Football Association are taking action with regard to the sale of these tickets.

An official representing the Wembley authorities said:

We cannot disclose what steps we have taken this year to prevent profiteering, but they are based on the experience of past years, and we believe that there will be fewer tickets sold in this way than as previous fairs.

M.P.'s Question.

Mr. Joseph Compton, Socialist M.P. for the Gorton division of Manchester, will ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer in the House of Commons:

If his attention has been drawn to the action of a booking agent, who has purchased several thousand tickets from the Football Association for the final of the Football Cup, in charging 2s. extra on all tickets under and up to 10s. in value and 4s. on tickets over that value; and whether any entertainment tax is paid on the extra price charged for the tickets.

With reference to this question, Mr. F. J. Wall, secretary of the Football Association, said to a reporter:

Under the agreement between the Football Association and the Wembley authorities, the latter undertake the sale of tickets. I should be very surprised if several thousand tickets had been sold to any one agency. Agencies were not to charge the public a greater booking fee than the usual one for booking theatre tickets.

With regard to the payment of entertainments tax upon the booking fee, I think that as it does not form part of the receipts of the match the Football Association could scarcely be held liable.

## LAWN TENNIS.

### CHINESE DEFEATED IN DAVIS CUP CONTEST.

Kansas City, Yesterday.

In the Davis Cup Hennessey (United States) beat Lum (China) 6-3, 6-1, 6-0 and Lot (United States) beat Kong (China) 6-0, 6-0, 6-0.

Montreal, Yesterday.

In the Davis Cup Crocker (Canada) defeated Toba (Japan) 6-0, 6-2, 4-6, 6-3—Reuter.

later to be exercised on popular imagination by the long race that the first trophy donated was that for the Marathon race. It took the form of a statuette of the dying Pheidippides, the first of all "Marathon" runners, as related. Charlie Perry, the veteran Stamford Bridge groundman, went out to Athens to lay out the running track. He has performed a similar office at each of the subsequent Games held in Europe.

Just prior to the Games the track was "sampled" by the veteran J. E. Fowler-Dixon, who ran a mile—a performance he repeated at later scenes of the Olympiads.

Emerging from the shower-baths at Athens, he was greeted with outstretched hand by the late King Constantine, who congratulated the ex-record holder and kept him in animated conversation for several minutes. Probably this is the only occasion on which a British athlete has inter-viewed royalty with no other covering than his own modest blouses.

## ON DOGS.

### A WELSH CORGI AGREEMENT.

#### FUSION OF VARIETIES.

[By A. Croxton Smith.]

In mentioning that Welsh corgis are now entitled to challenge certificates, I also referred a few weeks ago to the efforts that were being made to bring about a fusion of the two varieties. This desirable object has now been achieved, thanks to the accommodating disposition of delegates from the Cardigan and Welsh Corgi Clubs. I am assuming that the agreement reached by the ten delegates will be ratified by their respective clubs.

Although in general character the two varieties are very similar in detail, there have been a few differences, and the new standard will be framed to suit them. The Pembroke dogs, for instance, have short tails, while those of the Cardiganshire are long. In future the natural tail will be recognised, without any docking. The aim will be to produce a dog about 22lb. in weight, and 12in. high at the shoulders. Ears to be erect. This, I think, is a sensible decision, the erect ears being smarter, and giving more character to the quaint little dogs. As it was possible to make an entry of thirty-five Pembroke dogs and twenty-seven Cardiganshire corgis at Crufts, they should be able to present a very respectable front now they are united.

The corgi is said to have a disposition that makes him suitable as a companion or watch-dog, and it should always be remembered that he belongs to a working breed. He looks hardy and robust, and was never intended to be coddled or degraded into a toy dog. Although there are a few in London, it cannot be said at present that they are by any means common objects; and the average man, on seeing one, would probably wonder what it was. They stand on short legs, and the bodies, of medium length, are strong for the size of the animal. The heads are shaped like that of the fox.

Sporting Dachshunds.

Mrs. Baines and Mrs. Mackenzie have settled a question that has been discussed many times—that of putting the dachshund's sporting proclivities to some useful purpose. Having joined forces, they propose hunting the hedgerows for sloats and weasels, which, no doubt, will give much satisfaction to game-keepers. Small packs of beagles or Sealyhams have in the past done a similar service. If they will extend their activities to rats when these leave the stacks and farmsteads for the open, they will be putting the community under an obligation. There is no reason why dachshunds should not perform any of the duties that customarily fall to terriers in this country, and the smaller vermin might very well receive their attention.

Mrs. Greenburg, in her little monograph on the breed, states that in America the dog is used for badgers, coyotes, foxes, rabbits, and rats. There are no better dogs bred for ratting, she declares. They are reasonably fast, in spite of their short legs, and their jaws are very powerful. Their noses also are uncommonly keen. I should like to see owners of all suitable dogs taking part in an organised and continuous campaign of extermination against the rat. Stoats and weasels, though a nuisance in game preserves, are not nearly as mischievous. The rat is an ever-present danger, either in town or country.

Within a week or two the Dog Owners' Club will be opened at 5, Hyde Park-place, W.2, premises having been secured facing Hyde Park and close to the Marble Arch. The building has literary associations, since Dickens, an emphatic dog-lover, lived there for some time. Mr. E. T. Cox has formed a limited company and will act as secretary. The idea is to have a London centre for all exhibitors and will act as secretary. The idea is to have a London centre for all exhibitors and others who have any liking for dogs. Accommodation will be made for club meetings.

The surprising feature of the Kensington Show was the entry of over 300 Great Danes, which for once in a way excelled all other breeds. Of course, it was a great compliment to Mrs. Horsfall, who has seldom judged since her wonderful kennel was dispersed.

At match between Mr. Ng Tai-ping, the Colony's Ping-pong champion and Mr. Ko Yau-cheong was played in the Chinese Y.M.C.A. at Bridge-street last night. Mr. Ng won by two straight sets, 6-0 and 6-4.

The Hampton Wick C.C. are this season playing Sunday afternoon matches on their ground in Bushy Park.

## TEASERS.

### Answers to To-day's Questions.

1. An Oriental pipe or apparatus for tobacco smoking, the smoke being drawn through the water of a glass goblet by means of a long flexible tube.
2. An ancient British race who in early times lived in Norfolk and other parts of Eastern England.
3. Queen Boadicea.
4. A room in Westminster Abbey, so called because it was originally decorated with a view of Jerusalem.
5. Henry IV.
6. Honiton.

## TOO MUCH RUGBY.

### SHORTENING PLAYERS' CAREERS.

#### FIXTURE LISTS.

The various holiday tours passed off remarkably well. The football on these jaunts is serious enough, but with the holiday spirit prevailing, which is as it should be, because by this period of the season all our players thoroughly deserve a type of game which is a real relaxation after the strenuous Saturday after Saturday matches.

A tour that has interested me considerably is that of the Old Leysians, who have broken ground in the North. With all due respect to this Old Boy side, they are not one of the stronger London clubs, and their record this season (ten wins and seventeen losses) is none too good, but yet they toured North and defeated comfortably three of the leading clubs in Northumberland and Durham, namely Northern, Percy Park, and Westoe.

All Too Long.

The season virtually closes so far as universal club football is concerned, finishing with a "local Derby" at Twickenham, which should be a stern battle. Then the seven-a-sides will end a most strenuous time, making one more on the list of hard seasons which are all too long and are rapidly sapping the strength of our players.

By strength, I mean the playing life of our top-class players, those who play in regular first-class club sides week after week, and also undergo the strain of international matches, with as many holiday games as they can pack in as well. From all appearances, nothing will alter this, but it does seem to be going too far to expect players in modern Rugby to keep it up and maintain their form for the best part of eight months out of twelve. For that is what this season really amounts to. It opened up about the second Saturday in September, and here we are finishing with the most strenuous of all Rugby seven-a-sides on April 28.

I am full out for this seven-a-side tournament, but, at the same time, it does put a great strain on the players at the end of such a long season.

Rapid Decline.

Can one really wonder that the life of a first-class player is now so much shorter than it used to be? In pre-war days one would never have had reason to remark that Cove-Smith is quite a wonderful man for keeping his form at 30 years of age. To be very neatly at his best still at that age is so exceptional now-a-days that it seems to prove the rule that 27 or so sees a somewhat rapid decline in form of the majority of our good players.

This coming to the end of one's tether so young is not due so much to the extra speed at which the game is played as to the excessively long seasons.

While criticising the length of present-day club fixture lists I cannot suggest a remedy, because if some clubs like to start so early and finish so late the others must follow suit. Otherwise, many clubs would lose matches through sheer lack of fitness at the hands of weaker clubs.

Fading Out.

Even now, London clubs start in most cases a fortnight after the West Country, so that it happens that some London club will be up against—say Newport or Leicester—in their second match, whereas it is the fourth or fifth of either of those two teams.

It will take a lot of altering, because fixture lists are made up these days some two years ahead. To shorten fixture lists all round would be a dreadful business, and chase a good deal of heart burning, as so many clubs would have to be dropped.

With all these difficulties so outstanding, it seems that the players must simply be content to fade out of first-class Rugby some four or five years sooner than need be the case. "Light Blue" in the "Evening Standard" writes:



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The question most frequently asked was: "What is an alexandrite?" especially after a stone thus named had realised £470. The answer is that this variety of chrysoberyl—dark green by day and ruby-red at night—was first discovered in the Urala in 1835 on the day which happened to be the celebration of the coming of age of the Tsarevich, afterwards Alexander II. As red and green formed the colours of the Russian national flag the stone was appropriately named after the young Russian Prince.

Other unset stones sold included a square blue sapphire, £680 (Well) and a case of twenty-four specimen stones, £610 (S. H. Harris).

#### A Mild Surprise.

In a picture sale in an adjoining room, totalling nearly £3,500, a mild surprise was the bidding for a fanciful picture of a pretty girl going to market, by Henry Walton, which fetched as much as 400 guineas (Permain). Walter was a versatile eighteenth century painter, and is best remembered by his portrait of Gibbon. A small portrait of Henrietta Maria, with claims to be considered as by Vandyck, brought 210 guineas (Lewis and Slimmonds).

The dispersal of the third portion of the famous Dorchester House library was at Sotheby's. The chief prize was an early XVI century Italian folio of thirty-nine pen and wash designs for Goldsmith's work, done under the influence of Cellini. This fell to Mr. Meulener, of Brussels, at £345. A copy of Thomas East's issue, about 1855, of "The Story of the Most Noble and Worthy Kyng Arthur, the which was the Fyrt of the Worthies Christen, and also of Hys Noble and Valyaunt Knightes of the Rounde Table," with twenty-three fine woodcuts, brought as much as £210 (Quaritch). The Huth copy was sold for only £23 in 1911.

Various books are claimed to be the most expensive in cost of publication, but French writers stoutly declare that Comte Auguste de Bastard's two volumes, issued between 1834 and 1846, containing 180 facsimiles of "Peintures et Ornaments des Manuscrits" from the eighth to the sixteenth century, cost £80,000 to be produced; the charge to subscribers being over £1,200. The Holford specimen now realised £215 (Bosombers).

England beat France by 5 goals to 3 in the final of the international hockey tournament at Herne Bay.

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## "MAIL" REVIEWS.

### SHAKESPEARE AND THE MANY OTHERS.

"Shakespeare, Jonson, And Wilkins,  
Borrowers." By Percy Allen.  
(Cecil Palmer: 7/6 net).

When we, after a determined struggle, managed to wade through this book we thought it a great pity that there is not a law prohibiting such publications. Of the thousands of books written about Shakespeare and his contemporaries this is surely one of the most futile. Frankly, it gave us a pain. The title, with the mysterious name of Wilkins, intrigued us and we opened this small (but, as it proved, far too large) volume optimistically in hopes of finding something of an unusual literary flavour. We certainly did taste something new, but we didn't like it. At times we blinked hard and nipped ourselves to make certain that we were not experiencing a most ridiculous dream. In the introduction Mr. Cowl says: "Mr. Allen has laboured in a field of investigation in which he has had few precursors." We hope for the sake of the British reading public that he will have no imitators. Mr. Allen has a bee in his bonnet: it seems to us that he is obsessed with the idea that any Elizabethan who wrote anything unusually bright after the year 1600 A.D. must have consciously or unconsciously copied from or paraphrased Shakespeare. Such is the impression this book made on us. The first chapter in which the author tries to show that Shakespeare drew the main plot of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* from *Titus Andronicus* warns one not to expect a masterly treatment. The next chapter, in which an attempt is made to show that Shakespeare drew from *Arden of Feversham* certain ideas for *Henry IV.* and *Macbeth* is more convincing and is, indeed, the least bad in the book. The remaining chapters are irritating, especially the last one which, in our opinion and the opinion of others to whom we showed it, is halderdash. In the penultimate chapter we are asked to believe that a certain Mr. Wilkins who had written a novel on Pericles is the author of the Shakespearean play of that name. The bold bad Wilkins not only lifted lines and passages wholesale from other Shakespearean plays but had the audacity to publish it under the name of William Shakespeare. It would seem that the rightful owner of that name had just retired to Stratford and could not be bothered objecting. No, Mr. Allen, there are limits to our credulity. The last chapter is pathetic. How many readers know that when Milton was in the throes of *Paradise Lost*, Book IV and lacked inspiration about his terrific lost angels he went for inspiration to Shakespeare Puck, Oberon, and Company? Herewith one of Mr. Allen's many proofs.

"It was a rock of alabaster piled up to the clouds. Conspicuous far, winding with one ascent. Accessible from earth, one entrance high: The rest was craggy cliff that overhung. Still as it rose, impossible to climb. Betwixt these rocky pillars Gabriel sat, Chief of the angelic guards, awaiting night. About him exercised heroic games. The unnamed youth of Heaven."

This typically Miltonic passage was inspired—so Mr. Allen says—by the following:

"A mermaid on a dolphin's back Uttering such dulcet and harmonious breath That the rude sea grew civil at her song. And certain stars shot madly from their spheres To hear such sea-maid's music."

We unblushingly admit we fall to see the parallel between these two passages: probably we lack the

discerning eye. We hope Mr. Allen writes no more books on borrowing. If he does we shall take care to avoid them.

—SCRUTATOR.

## SYMPATHY.

"Christ at the Round Table." By  
L. Stanley Jones (Hodder &  
Stoughton 5/- net).

All who read that remarkable book "The Christ of the Indian Road" will welcome Mr. Stanley Jones' latest publication. In "Christ at the Round Table" the author pursues the method which has proved so effective in his earlier contacts. He comes down from the platform and takes his place at the Round Table as a fellow learner with the leaders of Religious thought in India. It must have been given to few men to sit down to discussion on the vital questions of religion with such representative men.

One test, he says, was applied to every claim put forward and that test—searching enough in all conscience—was what he calls "Experience of God."

The fruits of these discussions are given in full. They make instructive reading, at once depressing and encouraging. Depressing to those who say that India can work out her own spiritual Salvation. Encouraging to those who believe that Christ alone can raise her to her rightful place among the nations.

It has been said of "Mother India" that the author lacked sympathy with the people of whom she wrote. No such accusation can be levelled against this book; and yet—well, let those who read draw their own conclusions.

There is a good deal else, written with the ardour of the true prophet, and ranging over a wide field of subjects, national and international. "This book," says the author, "has written itself." We might add "and it reads itself." It is certainly hard to put down unfinished.

"Chinese Ghouls and Goblins." By G. Willoughby Meade (Constable 24/- net).

"The longer I stay in China the less do I understand the Chinese" is the ridiculous statement one hears mouthed, *ad nauseam*, by would-be wiseacres in an endeavour to impress one (usually a newcomer) with their mental profundity. What they ought to say is, "The longer I stay in China the more do I realise that Chinese ways and outlooks are not ours." Unfortunately these oracles are, as a rule, content to remain ignorant of things Chinese, chiefly through "Maskee," for after a man passes thirty he fights shy, especially in the East, of mental effort, more so if it means spade-work in a new field. Yet what is more interesting or educative than the study of a great people? Among the best mirrors of a people's mentality are its Drama, its History, and its Folk-lore. To anyone desirous of obtaining a smattering of Chinese Mythology we can confidently recommend "Chinese Ghouls and Goblins." This handsomely-bound and well-illustrated volume contains an extraordinary selection of old Chinese stories about good and bad spirits, wizards, dragons, monsters, magic, vampires, ancestor-worship, geomancy, foreign devils, and spiritualism; and as these form part of the very fibre of the Chinese character the enquirer will find this book a mine of useful spook information. However we must regretfully admit that outside the stories themselves we do not learn much. Why does the author give us more of his own ideas and conclusions? We neither desire nor demand dogmatic assertions: these we know, are impossible in such a vast terra incognita as Chinese Mythology and Folk-lore. The author says in the Preface: "This book is an attempt to interest the general reader in some of the folk-tales, particularly those of the

uncanny type, in which China is so rich; and to outline, as briefly and clearly as possible, the beliefs which appear to underlie them." For our liking these outlines are too brief, all the more so because we feel that Mr. Meade could offer us many interesting and thought-provoking theories if only he would let himself go. Conjectural deductions by a learned author are always welcome even when the reader flatly disagrees with them. That is the reason for much of the popularity of Shaw and Wells. In "Chinese Ghouls and Goblins" there are far too many stories—half would have been ample—and far too little of the book is the one entitled "One Touch of Nature," and that is because it contains fewer stories and also because there the author comes out of his shell. If only he had done the same in the disappointingly short final chapter, "Concluding Remarks," where he merely pokes his head out, he would have left a much deeper impression on the reader. Reading ghost-story after ghost-story, no matter how interesting and well-told each may be, is exhausting; consequently this is a book to be taken in small doses if full value is to be obtained. We close "Chinese Ghouls and Goblins" with a large repertoire of eerie stories but with all too little an idea of the mentality of Mr. Meade. But perhaps that is just what the author intended we should do.

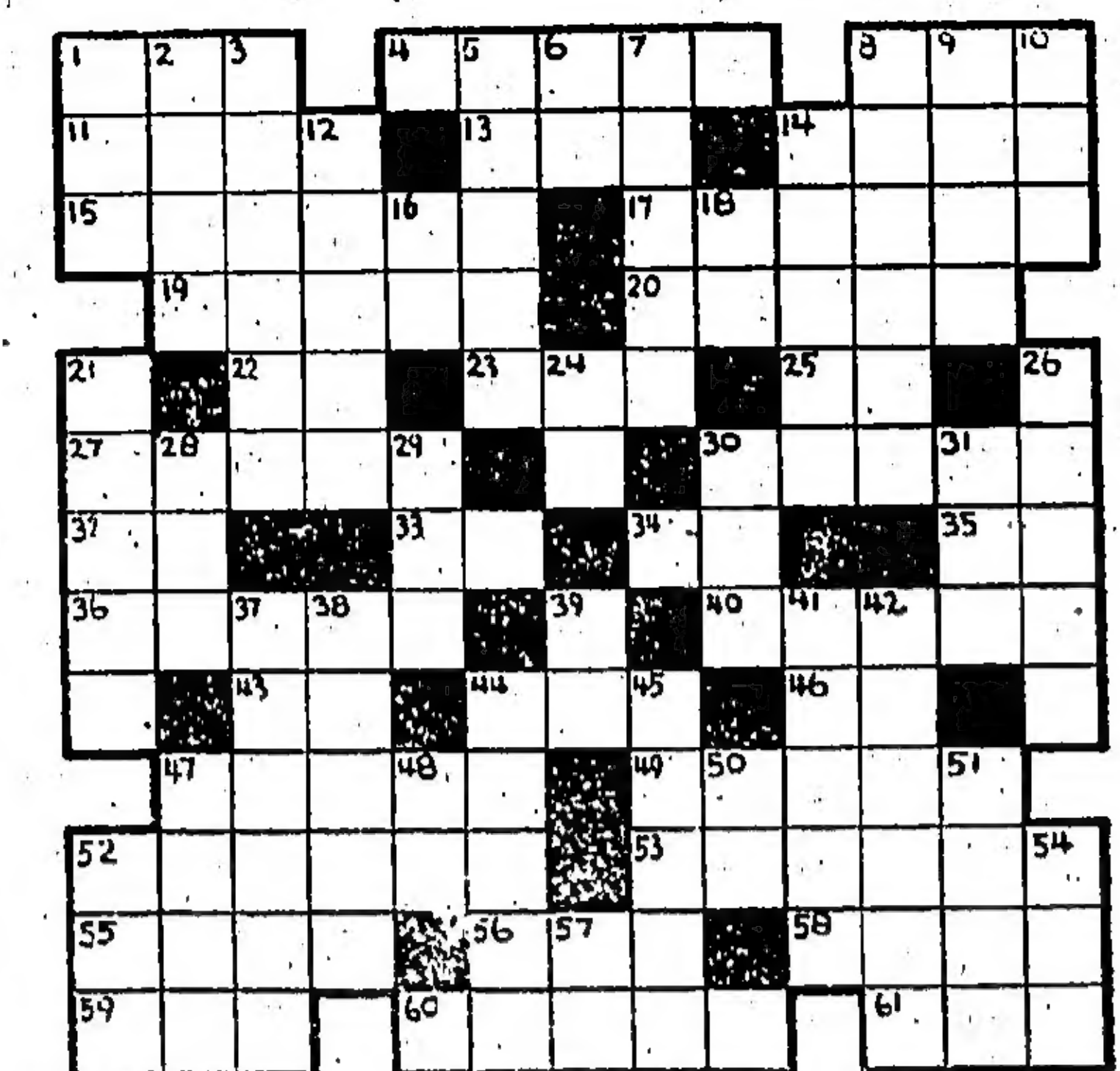
—SCRUTATOR.

"The Eighth Earl of Elgin." By J. L. Morrison (Hodder & Stoughton 15/- net).

"Peace hath her victories no less renowned than war" would be a fitting sub-title to this most interesting book. "The greatest heroes are seldom mentioned in histories," and "It is more difficult to hold than to acquire an empire" are two apothegms we make bold to coin after reading this book on Lord Elgin. How the heterogeneous British Empire manages to hold together is a conundrum that has puzzled not only Von Bernhardi, and why it did not fall asunder during the Indian Mutiny or the Great War, is a mystery to many more. This volume partly explains the reason of this cohesion. Alexander and Attila conquered vast tracts of land but their empires died with them. Unlike these mushroom empires the British Commonwealth, ever since it took to heart the salutary lesson administered by the New England State, has continued to take root and spread, and what the Clives, Wolfes, Wellesleys, Napiers, and Keiths gained, the Benticks, Dalhousies, and Elgins consolidated. Yet how few are the Englishmen, even in the ranks of the most Imperialistically biased, who know of those great diplomats and governors, those heroes behind the scenes whose vocation separates them from the common life of Britain without conferring on them an abiding home in the lands which they govern. These citizens of the Empire, doomed by their very usefulness to a kind of eternal home-sickness, have little share in the social distinctions of the Empire's hub. The central administration gets much of the credit of their most notable decisions and diplomatic triumphs, while all too often the man in the street knows of them mainly through the Press sensational and magnified versions of their occasional mistakes. Yet these men, more than any others, make the continuation of the Empire possible. To this small select band belonged the Earl of Elgin. A canny Scot who did brilliantly at Eton and Oxford, he was one of the greatest of the 19th Century peace-makers, and poured oil on troubled waters wherever he went. Between 1842 and 1863 it was his policy of British Premiers, whether Tory or Whig, to send Lord Elgin to any part of the world where tact and war-averting were wanted. Jamaica was a ferment when he went there; he left it calm and on the road to prosperity. From 1847 to 1854 he was at

## DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



### HORIZONTAL

- 1-A hobby
- 4-Wrong
- 8-A vegetable
- 11-In under obligation
- 13-Inquire
- 14-Situate
- 15-Flexible stem of East Indian palm
- 17-Dormant
- 19-Youthful
- 20-Works
- 22-Toward the top
- 23-Unit
- 25-Myself
- 27-Tossed
- 30-Bed in a sleeping-car
- 32-Prefix meaning "again"
- 33-From
- 34-Mother
- 35-Personal pronoun
- 36-A relative
- 40-Serving device (pl.)
- 43-Exclamation

### HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 44-Opening
- 46-Within
- 47-Stream
- 48-Cheers (colloq.)
- 52-Photographic apparatus
- 53-Unbound
- 55-Above
- 56-Male child
- 58-Blemish
- 59-Affirmative
- 60-Debauch
- 61-Pigpen

### VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 16-Article
- 18-Thus
- 21-Play lightly, as a guitar
- 24-Negative
- 26-A game
- 28-Fowl
- 29-Grief
- 30-Winged mammal
- 31-Your
- 37-Church bells
- 38-Sweetness
- 39-Ejaculation
- 41-Tumult
- 42-Pranks
- 44-Seize
- 45-A fruit
- 47-Talk wildly
- 48-Comparative suffix
- 50-Upon
- 51-Accommodate with seats
- 52-Bashful
- 54-Arid
- 57-Conjunction

SUGGESTIONS FOR SOLVING CROSS-WORD PUZZLES  
Start out by filling in the words of which you feel reasonably sure. These will give you a clue to other words crossing them, and they in turn to still others. A letter belongs in each white space, words starting at the numbered squares and running either horizontally or vertically or both.

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in Monday's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

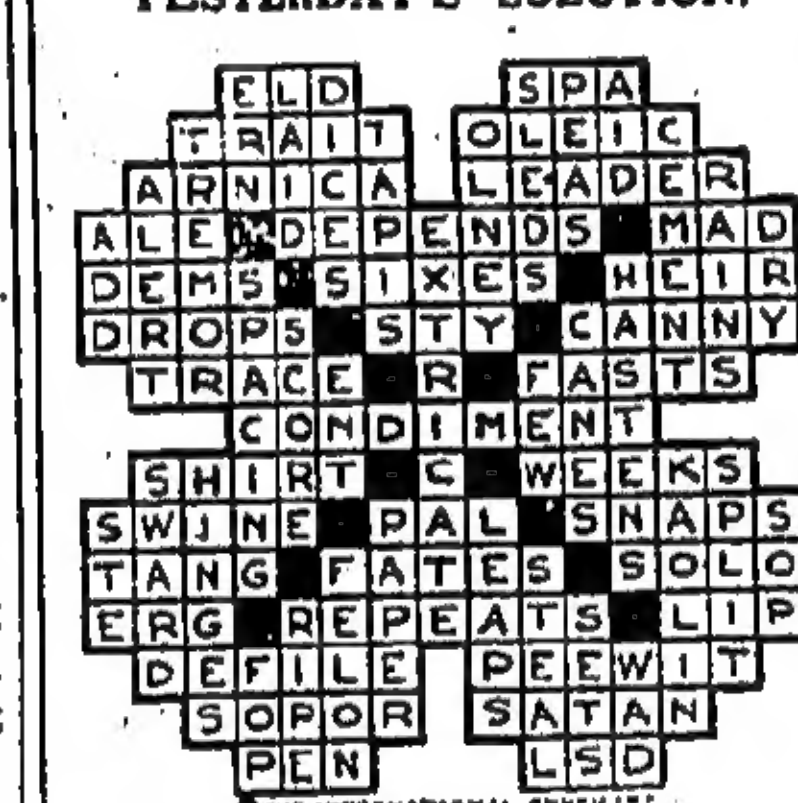
the Canadian helm and steered that ship of state through the stormiest seas and most dangerous shoals she has yet encountered, and at the same time by his tact and humanity strengthened the then-weakening ties of Anglo-American friendship. He did invaluable work in China and Japan, while in India he ranks with Bentick, Dalhousie, and Lawrence. Professor Morrison's excellent book is not a biography—that has been written by Theodore Walrond—but a series of political studies on a great governor and diplomat. Every Hong Kong Cadet should have this book in his library.

—SCRUTATOR.

"Man's Chief End." By Edward Albert (Cassell 7/6 net).

This is one of the greatest Scottish novels, if not the greatest, to appear since George Douglas started the dove-cotes of the "Kailyarders" with his sordid "House With the Green Shutters." Mr. Albert had already given literary promise of a high order in his two historical novels "Kirk O' Field" and "Born To Be King." In "Man's Chief End" he proves, in no uncertain manner that he is now out of his literary apprenticeship and entitled to serious consideration as an exponent of Scottish life and conditions to-day. Although it sparkles with incident excellently told—e.g. the vivid and most convincing description of Dublin's Black Easter Sunday, 1916—this novel makes no pretence to be a shocker or even a thriller. It is more akin to Jew Suss and the Arnold Bennett type of novel where we get a careful portrayal of character, a skilful use of local geography with

### YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.



a consequent proper topographical atmosphere, and an unostentatious mastery of language. Mr. Albert wields a very subtle pen. Any exile who knows Edinburgh will feel himself transported back to that most fascinating city while perusing "Man's Chief End" just as elderly and backsliding Calvinists on reading the first few chapters will be surprised to find how much of the Shorter Catechism lies dormant in their sub-conscious memory. The centre of the setting is Edinburgh during the years 1906-20. Much of the book is the result of actual experience and first hand information (Mr. Albert is an Edinburgh man) with the result that one reads the book with confidence in the author's accuracy. The gradual development of Mr. Albert's modest and untheatrical hero, Peter Dowrie, in spite of his backwardness and depressing surroundings is narrated with great skill and sympathy. There is an unmistakable quality of greatness in this novel.

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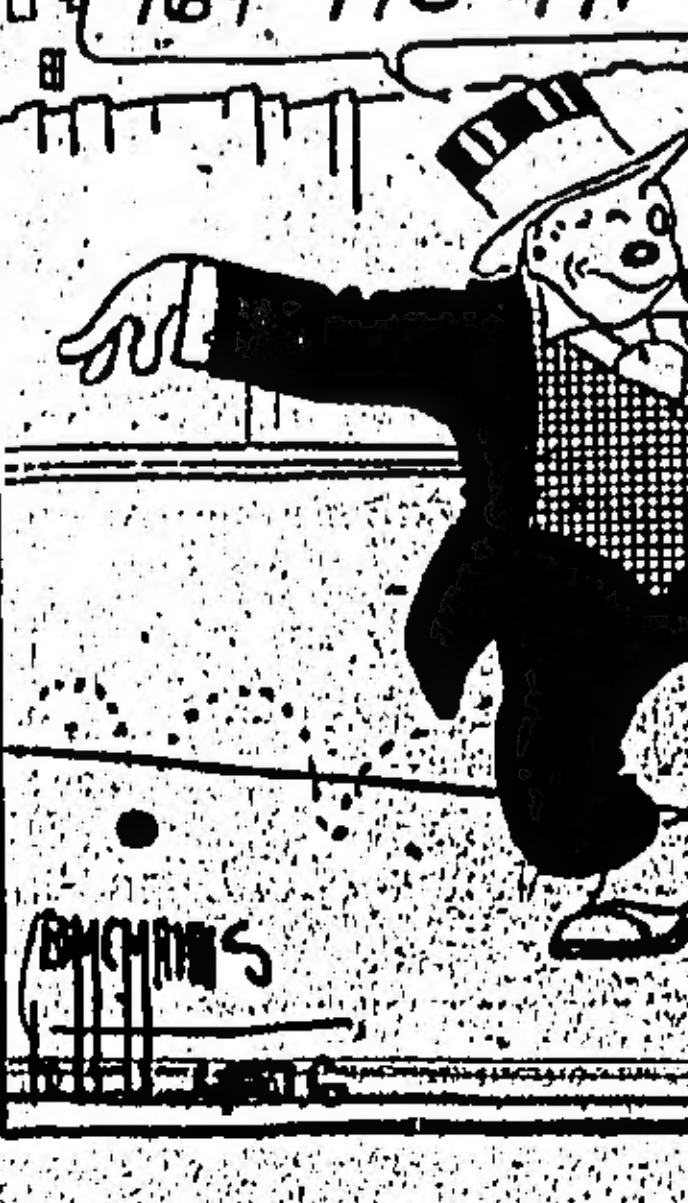
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Certain events during the past week help to illustrate the world-wide interest being taken in China, Japan, Tsinan and Manchuria.

In London, the Under-Foreign Secretary made two statements in Parliament. One was that Britain did not intend to interfere in the campaign of the Southerners. The later one was an admission that troops had been sent from Shanghai in preparedness for danger to Britons at Tientsin.

In spite of domestic politics, America has had to divert some attention to China, what with the request for her moral support and suggestions that she should mediate. Then the U.S. Minister at Peking sent a Note warning the Nationalists.

Japan, of course, is very much in the limelight at the moment, internationally, in view of the statement made by the Vice-Minister of War, a soldier, who referred to Britain's policy of defending Shanghai last year and to American intervention in Nicaragua.

News from the spot will, therefore, be doubly welcome everywhere. To ensure getting your copy, get the "Overland China Mail" at once as it contains a complete account of the week's events. It tells what is happening up North, how anti-Nipponism spread from port to port without becoming sensational, and how even in this British colony, a number of agitators ran foul of the law.

## WHEN YOU GO ON LEAVE.

Hong Kong's spring exodus has begun. Are you going Home on leave this year? If you are, you will be surprised by the number of persons who will ask you about China and Hong Kong. You will be astonished at the number and type of silly questions put to you in all good faith. And you will have to admit reluctantly (if only to yourself) that you are not quite certain. Will you be believed, though? Keep in touch with Hong Kong and China by having the "Overland China Mail" sent to you for a stipulated period.

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## A CHINA DIARY.

(Continued from Page 3.)

their arms and only a palm leaf fan to protect them from the hot sun. Probably it means to many of them certain death, and we can do nothing. 5 p.m.—Duff and I took a walk into the school after tea and looked around. A dozen or more students are still here, but they are going off into the country soon if their food supply fails. The Chinese teachers and families are in the science room. The new building seems safe as there is no bullet mark to be seen on it, in the lower floor, even at the western end (which is very near the firing line). It is reported that a spy had been into the city and ascertained that food and ammunition is brought over from Hanyang, but that General Liu Tsao-lung has stated that he will prevent further supplies entering Wuchang, and he has gone over to the side of the "Reds."

## Disturbed Slumbers.

We have also heard that nine students who showed favour with the Red Army have had their heads chopped off and thrown outside the gate of the city by the northern soldiers inside. It looks as though the "Reds" will try and starve Wuchang to surrender. Bonsall's servant made up his mind to leave to-day and try and reach Hankow by a circuitous route. We hurriedly wrote notes to be delivered in Hankow, but were disappointed when he returned in about half an hour to say the soldiers had sent him back and would not let him pass. Our own hopes of making a similar exit dropped. Just as last night, heavy firing commenced at 6 p.m., but this time continued late into the night. Half-a-dozen shrapnel shells burst over or near our house and sent their hail of bullets on to our roof, or among the trees. We kept mostly on Dixon's verandah now, and feel more confident of our safety as we gain experience of the possibilities and limitations of the projectiles we are getting. We went to bed early as usual expecting things to quieten down before long, but a lively battle continued. We dozed and awakened until we were all terrified by the crash of a shrapnel shell bursting, seemingly right on top of us. We slept in our clothes last night, but this night Duff and I ventured to take our trousers off. We weren't long in getting them on again though and out on the verandah, where we certainly feel more comfortable behind the brick pillars. Duff lay down in the ditch just in front of the verandah, whilst Bonsall sat behind a pillar and Dixon and I feeling tired went in and lay down again. Duff stayed in the ditch for about an hour and then came back with Bonsall. Shell fire at night is worse than by day. If we are indoors there is a sense of confinement and thoughts of the building falling on top of us, or a shell (dud though it may be) coming in through the wall. About a quarter to eleven all firing suddenly ceased and we could hear distant shouts and cheers as men making an assault upon the wall. We listened with bated breath and a thrill ran through us as we thought of the scene being enacted at that moment. Alas for the brave Dard-Dies, for in a couple of minutes shots again began to ring out, and soon the firing was as strong as ever before and continued so until after midnight, whilst we went outside and watched the flashing of the gun and the bursting shells. This is not possible in day-time, of course, but at night-time it causes a second or two of tense suspense between the flash and the report and arrival of the shell. All these shells are just like British 18-pounders, about three inches in diameter and 10 or 11 inches long over all. We have all got plenty of souvenirs in the way of shell noses, empty shell cases, shrapnel and rifle bullets, mostly picked up in or close to our houses.

## Wash and Brush-up!

"Saturday, September 4.—This morning we got our usual shelling, beginning at dawn. It finished before 8 a.m., and we shaved and cleaned up a bit. Dixon and Duff ventured on a bath, using the same water and the least possible at that, as all our water has to be drawn out in the open from a well, which is dangerously exposed to the rifle and machine-gun fire. Duff went over to his house and got some more foodstuffs. The porch of his house and the fence in front has been riddled by bullets. The reports of the soldiers here is that the attack on the wall last night was beaten off and there have been hundreds killed. Dixon and I have played two games of chess in spite of the firing. It gives us something to take our mind off of all this business outside. The big gun has been "blowing" off again and calls for disapproving remarks from us all. More people are leaving the compound and the rifle and shrapnel bullets whizzing by have a distinctive effect on their speed, for they quickly dart out of the gate. Duff

to escape to-morrow, but he has been over to his house and found that the looters have been at work there, and so we are going to stick it another day whilst he tries to board his windows and doors up, and then all going well we will make an attempt on Monday.

Sunday, September 5.—Duff is at work in his house. Bonsall is reading and I am writing. I cannot understand all this. The sun is shining beautifully, the butterflies are enjoying themselves on the flowers on the steps of the house here, and yet all around is the fearful noise of a terrific battle. One does not know what it all means, but it is certainly not the will of God. If people at home only realised—I wonder what they would do? Would they try to help? Shells are coming over and one has burst just on the roof of the new Normal School building. I have been over there twice with Mr. Dixon, and once as I went across the pathway a bullet struck a branch of a tree near my left ear. It was a lucky escape. I was standing in the door talking to one of the servants this morning and another bullet came through the shutter and hit the wall by me. I stooped down and picked it up and it is now a souvenir. Another six inches and I might not have been writing this. God takes care of His own. We have all felt His presence.

## Short Food Supplies.

Monday, September 6.—After five days of bombardment and isolation from the outside world, Duff and I decided to make an attempt to get away from here and carry news of our situation, especially as supplies of food had run short. We arose at daylight this morning and made our preparations to leave. Our breakfast consisted of oatmeal and porridge. The shelling has stopped, and four of the students whose homes were in Chicow turned up to join us. Mr. Chapman introduced us to the Red officer in charge, but he refused to accept any responsibility for Duff and I, but gave the four students a pass through to Chicow. He was having his breakfast at the time, and we had to wait until he had finished, which delayed our start until 8.30. He had a field telephone in his room and wires for telephonic communication are strung all along the roads out to near Tsoo Tso-ch'ien (the Viceroy's Well). Travelling as light as possible, carrying the few indispensable in kit-bags and dressing as inconspicuously as we could, even to the covering of our white tops, we set off around the north of the Hung San. By a village just east of the compound, two almost naked corpses lay in the open (killed no doubt by a shell) and a few days of hot September sun had brought them to a state best left undescribed. We went on at a smart pace, not stopping until we reached the Viceroy's Well at about 10 o'clock. People are still living in their villages round the Hung San, but keep in doors and neglect their fields. Beyond the Viceroy's Well the farmers are working as usual, and many coolies are on the road carrying rice, vegetables, meat, chickens, etc., to the soldiers, who buy everything at a good price. Soldiers are quartered in all the villages round about here, and the largest temple is a base hospital with a Red Cross flag flying in front of it, but many slightly-wounded men are seen among the other soldiers. From this point we went on more leisurely and stopped frequently at ten houses for refreshment until we reached Huang Chia Tien, the home of a former Wesley student. His elder brother welcomed us and regaled us with tea and a bowl of men and eggs each, for which he would accept no payment. Here we were able to engage a carrier for 4,000 cash (about 3s. 6d.) to relieve us of all our bundles. We went on through the hot hours getting hotter and thirstier and more foot-weary and drinking more tea (Chinese, fashion of course) in a day than is usual in a week. We were glad to reach in mid-afternoon a lake where we got a sampan for several miles, and so were able to rest our legs, only making us feel the stiffness the more when again we took to the road.

## Out of Danger.

After another 12 li we reached Ko Tien between 5 and 6 p.m., having come about 30 miles on foot from the danger zone. Here we discovered a Swedish chapel belonging to the Swedish Mission, where a Mr. Liu (the Chinese preacher) entertained us with tea, a wash down in a tub, food, and coffee. The latter was a pleasant surprise and went down well with the canned milk we bought on the native street. I slept on a bamboo bed, and Duff on a camp cot in the chapel, with the other students, which was very welcome, but the mosquitoes disturbed any rest. Two of our household servants had by morning to go to their homes. They had been to Ch'ia San, a place on the Yangtze some ten odd miles below Wuchang, but found it full of Southern soldiers and no way of getting across. We had to escape to-morrow, but he has been over to his house and found that the looters have been at work there, and so we are going to stick it another day whilst he tries to board his windows and doors up, and then all going well we will make an attempt on Monday.

the river. We had purposely avoided that place, and made our way from point to point as circumstances seemed to indicate. We can hear the sound of gun-fire from Wuchang even here. Southern soldiers have passed through here to Wuchanghsien, but none are here at present. The local people fear bandits (Northern deserters), so at night they have lanterns hung along all the streets, and a guard consisting of one man from each household marches around the town at intervals during the night carrying fearsome-looking spikes and spears. This place is not far from the river bank, but no steamers call here. The nearest place is Huangchow, which is on the other side of the river and 30 miles further down. Sampan will not leave here, fearing either the Northerners, who hold the further bank, or the Southerners, who are in force at Wuchanghsien (nearly opposite), whose home is across the river from here, since he cannot cross, has offered to come with us and carry our baggage for the sake of his rice and travel expenses. We gladly took advantage of this offer as carriers are difficult to get, and expensive, while our money is limited.

## In the Mud.

Tuesday, September 7.—Rising at daybreak was not difficult after such a sleepless night as we had, and after a little to eat and some tea, we started out at 6 a.m. Duff forgot to bring along a few sandwiches we had brought from Wesley, but after walking ten miles along the road we stopped for some men at a dirty Chinese street shop—the best we could do under the circumstances. The sun is hotter to-day, but a light breeze helps to keep us going. At noon we stopped at a muddy creek which we were crossing, and went in for a dip in spite of the fact that we were minus bathing costumes. It was wet and warm and shallow, but we were able to sit in the mud for a little time, and felt all the better for the dip. The students are making slower time to-day as they are carrying their own things and are tired. In the afternoon our road followed the bank of the Yangtze for several miles, and we could not resist another swim in a flooded area from which the surface water was soupy warm, but underneath it was refreshingly cool, and we spent half-an-hour in great glee, and felt revived again. A little further on we stopped for another bowl of tea at a place where in the event of being unable to get a sampan we should have to make a long detour inland to avoid flooded country. Inquiries for a sampan gave little encouragement, but Ch'ia Lin, the servant, telling a pitiful story of our sufferings and lack of money, excited the sympathy of an old boatman who consented to row us to our destination for 2,000 cash (about 2s.). His only worry was that the soldiers might require his services and prevent him getting back, but we gave him our card as a passport and that satisfied him. The students, who had caught up to us while we were delayed in the water, gave us their baggage, and two of them who were getting along worse than the others came on the boat with us. When we reached Wuchanghsien a "Red" soldier met us at the bank with fixed bayonet and made a nominal inspection of our goods and chattels, but, thank goodness, did not obstruct us. Plenty of other soldiers were in evidence, and we had to pass a further inspection on passing the city gates. Here again we went to the Swedish mission chapel, where we gave the preacher Wang Hsien-sen Mr. Liu's card, who treated us with the same hospitality we had received elsewhere. We had travelled another 30 odd miles during the day, but felt better for a meal of canned "travelers' rations" which Duff had brought with him. We were also able to buy a tin of canned Chinese fruit on the street. In the evening Mr. Wang read a lesson for us and Duff prayed, and our prayers were very sincere I can assure you. The boys slept in the chapel, but Duff and I had camp bamboo beds in Mr. Wang's study, and slept the sleep of the righteous. The "Reds" here have guns on the nearby hills, and machine guns and rifles on the city walls. Yesterday they had an engagement with five small Chinese gunboats, and they have been dropping shells into the city. I am just wondering if we have come out of the frying pan into the fire. We are told that Wu Pei-fu (the northern commander) is still losing ground in Wu Han, and it is said that Hanyang is now in the hands of the "Reds." Northerners are opposite her at Huangchow. River steamers are still running but do not pick up passengers at Huangchow as they have been fired on by the southern soldiers. The next river steamer station is at Huang Shih Kang, another 80 miles down the river from here. We thought to take a sampan down the river during the night, but they would not go.

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## AN EXPEDITION.

News Received in America.

## PROF. ROERICK'S PARTY.

Expedition Experiences Some Thrilling Adventures &amp; Hardships.

New York, Yesterday. A telegram has been received announcing the safe arrival of the Northern-India Expedition, headed by Professor Roerick accompanied by his wife and son. This is the first news of the expedition since April of last year when a Moscow telegram said that it was about to start for Mongolia.

The expedition has had various adventures. It was attacked by robbers, but the superiority of the expedition's firearms prevented bloodshed. The expedition was also stopped by the Tibetan authorities and suffered considerable hardship by living in winter time in summer tents at an altitude of 15,000 feet.

The expedition has sent to America over 250 paintings and reports and has made "many observations with regard to Buddhism."—Reuter's American Service.

## "HALF-BAKED."

U.S. PROFESSOR AND LONDON UNIVERSITY.

## EXCHANGE OF VIEWS.

New York, Yesterday. Dr. Abraham Flexner, Director of studies of the General Education Board founded by Mr. Rockefeller, which is empowered to distribute over \$10,000,000 sterling contributed by Mr. Rockefeller, has resigned. Dr. Flexner, who at present is lecturing at Oxford under the Rhodes Trust, recently criticised London University, and Dr. Graham Little, in reply, criticised Dr. Flexner's "half baked doctrines."—Reuter.

## TANGIER PROBLEM.

WHAT THE NEW AGREEMENT DOES.

## ITALY'S POSITION.

Paris, Yesterday. The Tangier Conference Agreement creates for Italy a new seat on the Tangier Municipal Assembly, and also gives Italy a seat on the judicial bench of the Tangier International Court.

In view of the Agreement it is now expected that Italy will adhere to the International Statute of 1924 as modified by the Franco-Spanish agreement of last March. Her requests for executive, legislative and judicial representation have, after all, been satisfied.—Reuter.

## THE PEACE PACT.

JAPANESE CABINET APPROVES.

Shanghai, Yesterday. A Tokyo telegram states that the Cabinet has approved of the reply to America's anti-war proposals. It is understood that they accept the principle but suggest a few minor modifications.—Reuter.

## THE "ITALIA."

STRONG HEAD WINDS IN VICINITY OF POLE.

King's Bay, Spitzbergen, Yesterday. The "Italia" met with strong head winds while returning from the Pole, but is expected to arrive here at noon to-day.—Reuter.

## JAPAN &amp; CHOSEN.

NEW EDUCATION MINISTER.

Shanghai, Yesterday. A telegram from Tokyo states that Kame Shoda, ex-Finance Minister of Chosen, will succeed Mizuno as Education Minister.—Reuter.

A warrant for her arrest was issued at Highgate against Mrs. Lucy Dixon, of Woodlee, Ballard's lane, Finchley, who was charged with assaulting a warrant officer who called to levy a distress for non-payment of costs in a legal action.

## U.S. TAXATION.

The Question of Retrenchment.

## A COMPROMISE.

What the Senate &amp; Representatives Finally Propose.

Washington, Yesterday. The Conference Committee, appointed by the Senate and the House of Representatives, fixed a total of \$223,000,000 for the Tax Reduction Bill.

The Senate proposed \$205,000,000 and the House of Representatives \$290,000,000 and the present is a compromise. The Bill reduces the corporation tax from 18½ per cent. to 12½ and repeals the motor-car tax.—Reuter's American Service.

## GREEK POLITICS.

WILL EX-DIRECTOR PANGALOS BE RELEASED?

Athens, May 24. An interesting development in the political situation is likely to follow a recommendation by the Parliamentary Judicial Commission that the ex-Dictator, General Pangalos, who has been detained awaiting trial on a charge of subverting the Constitution, shall be released on bail.—Reuter.

## NOT TO PAY TAXES.

(Continued from Page 1.)

## THE NATIONALISTS.

Conferences And Claims of Victory.

Canton, Yesterday. The Nanking Government has wired to Marshal Li Chai-sum, chairman of the Canton Government, requesting the latter to proceed to Nanking in order to discuss further plans for the Northern expedition in connection with the Tsinan affair.

Marshal Li states that as he is unable to go to Nanking personally, he will direct Mr. Fung Chuk-man, the Minister of Finance, to proceed as a delegate. — "Wah Keung Po."

Yen Hsi-shan.

Shanghai, Yesterday. The Nationalist General Yen Hsi-shan of Shansi has issued a communique in which he announces the capture of Tatung and Suian. He adds that the forces are advancing eastwards to Chahar.—Reuter.

The "Christian General."

Shanghai, Yesterday. In a communique, the "Christian General," Feng Yu-hsiang, states that the Kuomintang forces are closing in on Tientsin.—Reuter.

Fresh Reinforcements.

Shanghai, Yesterday. According to the Kuo Min news agency, Chiang Kai-shek conferred at Haichow yesterday with his subordinates regarding measures of defence in Shantung and the distribution of fresh reinforcements at the front.—Reuter.

Despatch of Fleet.

Shanghai, Yesterday. Admiral Yang Shu-chwang, according to the Kuo Min news agency, has left for Haichow to confer with Chiang Kai-shek regarding the despatch of the Nationalist fleet to the north.—Reuter.

Kwangsi-ites at Front?

Shanghai, Yesterday. The Kuo Min news agency reports that the Nationalist 4th Army Group, consisting of the 17th, 30th, 36th, 43rd and 44th Nationalist armies, commanded by General Pei Chung-hsi (the Kwangsi-ite of Wu-Han) have reported their arrival in Shih-chia-chwang.—Reuter.

The Other Side.

Peking, Yesterday. There is practically no development in the war situation. It is believed that the front on the Peking-Hankow railway is still near Wangtu.

Northern claims of an advance to Sangyuan (on the Tientsin-Pukow Railway) are believed to be accounted for by the fact that they occasionally send armoured trains southward from Tsang-lane, Finchley, who was charged with assaulting a warrant officer who called to levy a distress for non-payment of costs in a legal action.

## INDIAN WORKERS.

Practise Passive Resistance.

## WAGES DISPUTE.

Magistrate Threatens To Expel Strikers Forcibly.

Calcutta, Yesterday. After an interval of ten weeks the Lilloah locomotive workshops of the East India Railway Company have been re-opened. Four thousand men entered the shops but practised passive resistance.

Thereupon the district magistrate ordered them to disperse if unwilling to work. The men refused to work unless their grievances were redressed but, finally, left the shops on the advice of Mr. Mitra, President of the East India Railway Company Labour Union, after the Magistrate had threatened to expel them forcibly.

Subsequently Mr. Mitra addressed the workers. He declared that the magistrate's action was unauthorised and advised them to repeat the policy of passive resistance if the workshops were opened to-morrow.

The Company has decided that anyone desiring to return to work must sign an undertaking not to resume passive resistance.—Reuter.

## THE "AUTONOMIST."

COLMAR TRIAL ENDS IN NOISY SCENES.

## DEPUTIES SENTENCED.

Colmar, May 24. Sentence has been passed in the sensational case concerning Dr. Ricklin, the Alsace-Lorraine Autonomist, and Rosse, who were recently elected to the Chamber, and other prominent leaders of the Autonomist Party.

They were charged with plotting against the internal safety of France by fomenting a movement in favour of a complete rupture of Alsace-Lorraine with France.

Over 350 witnesses, including many priests, gave evidence, and the accused insisted on the trial being conducted in two languages, the proceedings being translated into German, it being suggested that the accused were insufficiently acquainted with French.

Dr. Ricklin was sentenced to one year's imprisonment and five years' interdiction, or banishment from Alsace. Rosse, Schall, and Faschauer were similarly sentenced. Sejour and eleven others were released.—Reuter.

A "Blunder."

Colmar, May 6. The disorderly scenes which marked the trial of the Alsatian Autonomists have culminated in the word "blunder" being applied to the action of M. Poincare in connection with Alsace.

The public prosecutor demanded legal action against the speaker for an offence against the Premier. The hearing was suspended amid tumult.

On resumption, the Court expressed the opinion that M. Fourrier's word constituted a grave offence to the Premier and a breach of the oath taken by barristers never to lack respect towards public authorities.

The Court suspended M. Fourrier for one month. He will thus be unable to continue reading the Autonomist case. The other Counsel for the defence addressed a letter to the Minister of Justice, protesting against the decision.

## FOR SCIENCE.

THOMAS EDISON AWARDED GOLD MEDAL.

New York, Yesterday. Mr. Thomas A. Edison has been awarded the gold medal for science, of the Society of Arts and Sciences.—Reuter's American Service.

There is an announcement in the "Gazette" prohibiting hawkers from crying their wares or making noises in certain residential areas both on the island and in Kowloon, that in the latter being all south of and including Austin-road.

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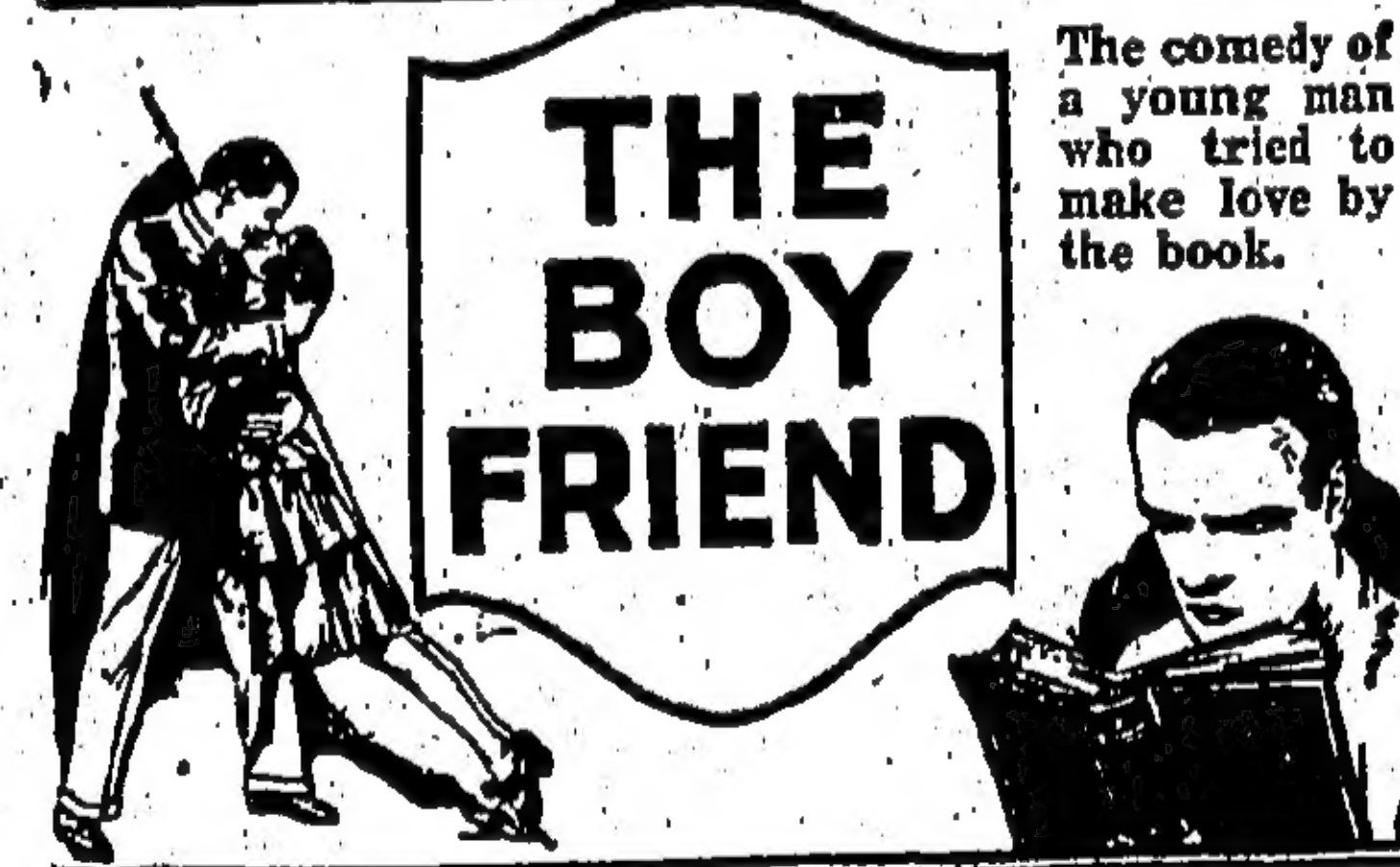
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